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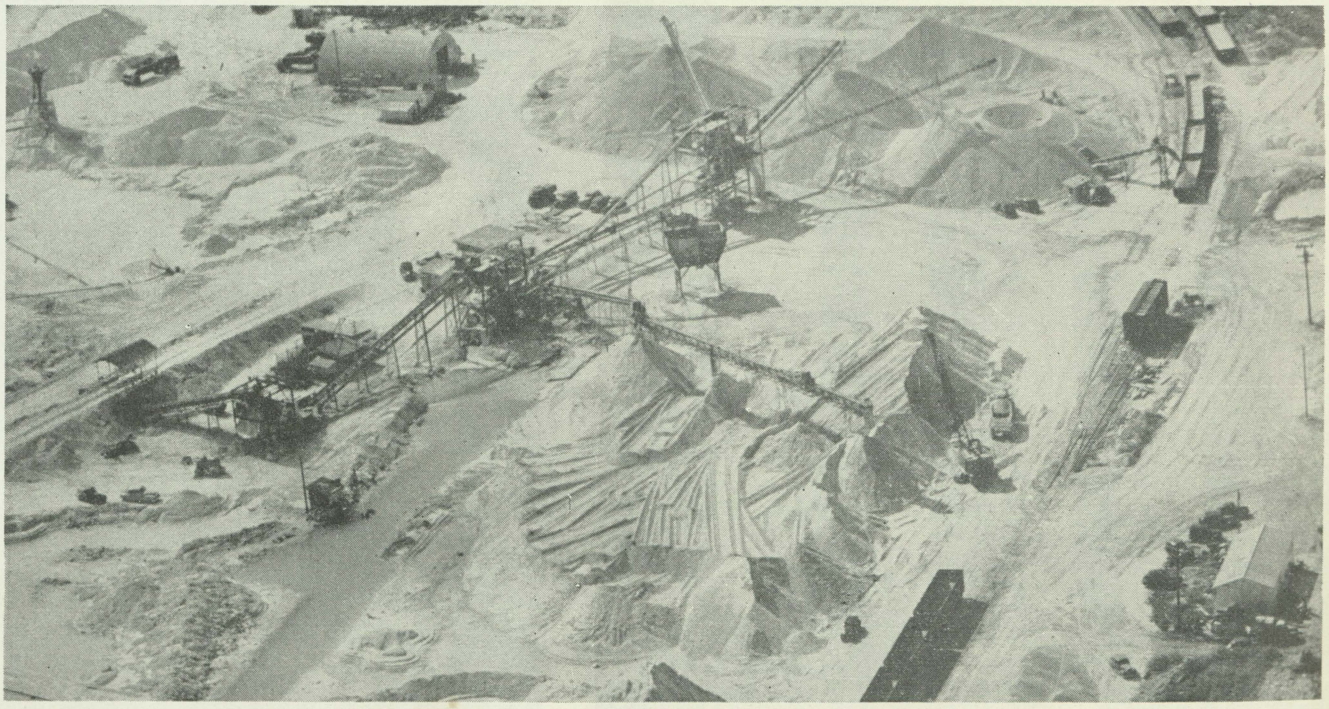

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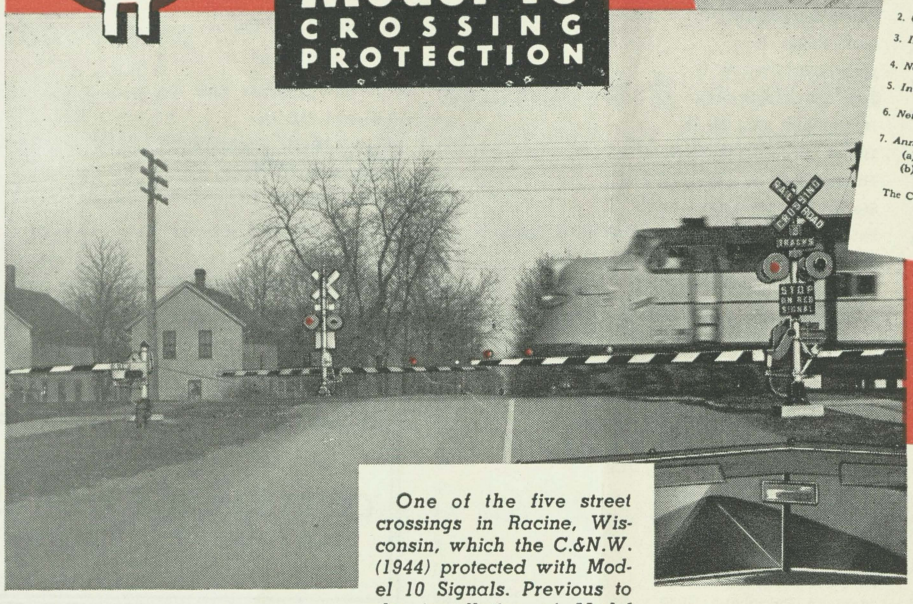
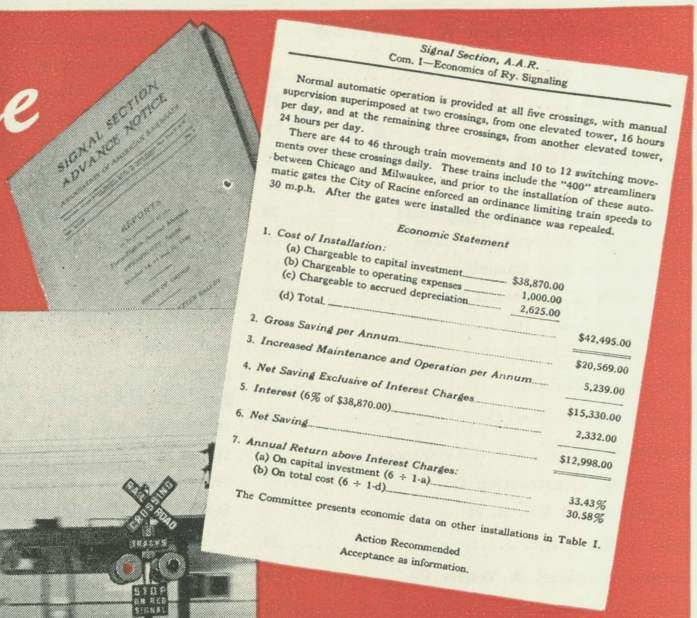



*One of the five street crossings in Racine, Wisconsin, which the C.&N.W. (1944) protected with Model 10 Signals. Previous to the installation of Model 10's, these crossings were guarded by watchmen and manually operated gates. Train speeds through Racine were limited, by city ordinance, to 30 m.p.h. Since Model 10's were placed in service, this ordinance has been repealed.*



*Signal Section, A.A.R.*
Com. I—Economics of Ry. Signaling

Normal automatic operation is provided at all five crossings, with manual supervision superimposed at two crossings, from one elevated tower, 16 hours per day, and at the remaining three crossings, from another elevated tower, 24 hours per day.

There are 44 to 46 through train movements and 10 to 12 switching movements over these crossings daily. These trains include the "400" streamliners between Chicago and Milwaukee, and prior to the installation of these automatic gates the City of Racine enforced an ordinance limiting train speeds to 30 m.p.h. After the gates were installed the ordinance was repealed.

*Economic Statement*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. *Cost of Installation:* | | |
| (a) Chargeable to capital investment | $38,870.00 | |
| (b) Chargeable to operating expenses | 1,000.00 | |
| (c) Chargeable to accrued depreciation | 2,625.00 | |
| (d) Total | | $42,495.00 |
| 2. *Gross Saving per Annum* | | $20,569.00 |
| 3. *Increased Maintenance and Operation per Annum* | | 5,239.00 |
| 4. *Net Saving Exclusive of Interest Charges* | | $15,330.00 |
| 5. *Interest* (6% of $38,870.00) | | 2,332.00 |
| 6. *Net Saving* | | $12,998.00 |
| 7. *Annual Return above Interest Charges:* | | |
| (a) On capital investment (6 ÷ 1-a) | | 33.43% |
| (b) On total cost (6 ÷ 1-d) | | 30.58% |

The Committee presents economic data on other installations in Table I.

Action Recommended
Acceptance as information.

This economic statement* covering five crossings at Racine, Wisconsin, tells a typical dollar and cents story of Model 10 protection. To the net saving in *cash*, add the saving in *human life*. That's the true picture of Model 10 economy.

*Committee reports, Signal Section, A.A.R.

Yes, gentlemen, cost reports* prove conclusively that Model 10 Automatic Signals, replacing watchmen or manually operated gates, effect substantial savings — 40 to 100 per cent of the original cost of Model 10's during their first year of service.

In addition, Model 10's provide *positive safety at crossings, 24 hours a day* — positively eliminate the hazards of "man failure" and part-time protection. Frequently, local ordinances limiting train speeds are repealed after Model 10's are installed.

The paramount reason, of course, for the widespread acceptance of Model 10 Signals is *life-saving performance*. Look at the record: thousands of Model 10's guard the busiest crossings of nearly a hundred railroads, yet NOT ONE FATALITY has ever occurred as a result of operation failure on the part of these signals.

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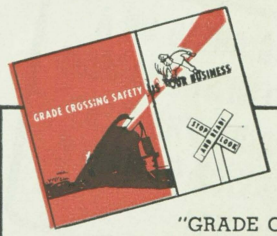


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# The Chairman Says...

ALFRED A. McKETHAN

## OUR 1949 LEGISLATURE

The Members of the Road Department take pleasure in dedicating this issue to the Members of the 1949 Legislature. To each and every one we offer our most sincere best wishes and fullest cooperation in the tremendous task that lies ahead. We recognize the tremendous need for increased financial help in the fields of health, conservation, education and roads, and at the same time realize the magnitude of the problem insofar as finding additional sources of revenue for these increased needs. However, the Members of the Road Board, in spite of the difficulties and obstacles, have every reason to be optimistic about the accomplishment of the 1949 Legislative Session.

One of the bright spots in the overall picture of solving the State problem is the happy prospect of harmonious relation between the Legislative and the Executive branches of government. The people of Florida are indeed fortunate in having a group of men with well grounded knowledge of State affairs in both branches, and I am sure that with team work between them Florida can look for sound and progressive achievements in the 1949 session of our Legislature.

During the past few months the Members of the Road Department have had the opportunity of meeting with a great number of the individual Legislative Members, and it is from these contacts that our optimism arises. The members of the 1949 Legislature are men of outstanding ability, resourcefulness and integrity, and without exception, among those we have met, they place public service above private interest. The Members of the Road Department look forward to putting our shoulders to the wheel in a spirit of cooperation with this fine group of men.

## THE BUDGET AND HIGHWAY IMPOSTS

Following the Budget Meeting in Jacksonville on February 28 and March 1, the Board adopted a Final Budget to control the Department's operation for this calendar year. In approaching the 1949 Budget for the Road Department we realized that funds were limited, and in a spirit of fairness to all of the sixty-seven counties of Florida we attempted to place first things first, and to prepare a realistic budget. We can reasonably expect to undertake all of the jobs budgeted during the calendar year. We believe that such a policy will pay dividends in the long run, and that during this current four year administration most of the meritorious projects will be executed. On page 37 of this issue is a report on highway user impost collection and distributions for 1948. In most states practically all such imposts are used for highway support. A reference to the report, page 37, will reveal that approximately 36% of such imposts in this state is diverted to non-highway use. This helps to explain why our pressing highway needs cannot be met, even though State taxes on motor vehicle operations are comparatively high.


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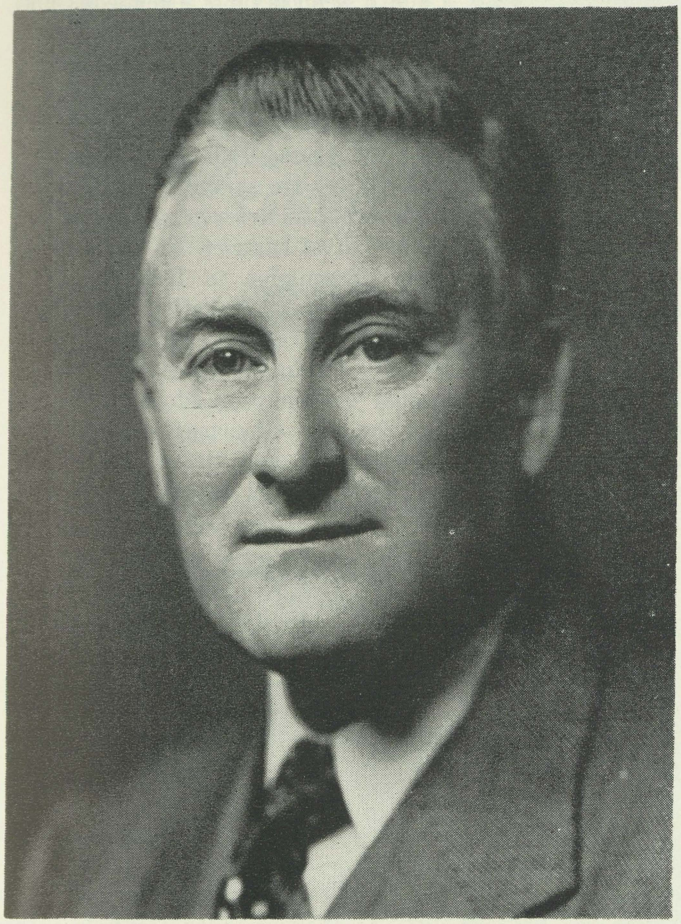
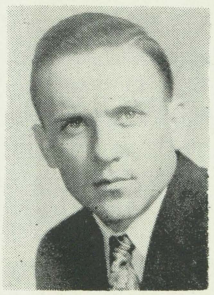
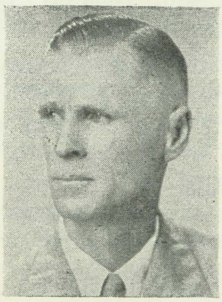


District 1—NEWMAN BRACKIN, Crestview druggist, was born May 15, 1908 in Geneva County, Ala., and moved to Florida in 1911 at the age of 3 years. He has been a resident of Crestview since 1933. He attended high school in Bonifay, Fla., and studied for his profession at the Atlanta School of Pharmacy. He is a registered pharmacist of Florida, and is active in the Florida State Pharmaceutical Association. He owns two drug stores in Crestview, and operates the farm where he lived as a boy. He is particularly interested in his cattle raising and reforestation projects there. He has been active in city and county affairs for many years in his home community. He was a City Councilman for 4 years, and has been prominent in helping to secure location of factories and local improvements to aid the growth of his town. He is a member of his local Chamber of Commerce, of Masonic Lodge No. 50, is a Shriner, and a member of Kiwanis. He served as Lieutenant Governor of Division 1 of Kiwanis in 1948. He married in 1937 the former Miss Margaret Marshall of Winter Park, Florida, and they have a son, Newman Collins Brackin, Jr. Senator Brackin is interested in hunting and fishing, farming, conservation of Natural Resources and in State Government. He served in the Florida legislature in the House of Representatives in 1941 and 1943, and in the Senate in 1945 and 1947. He was designated as President-Elect of the 1949 Senate by his fellow Senators in official caucus at Gainesville in October, 1948. He takes his oath of office as President of the Senate as the legislature convenes in April, 1949. He appointed a committee of Senators to serve with a State Citizens Tax Committee, and make recommendations to the 1949 legislature, and has also appointed some Senate members to a Citrus Committee to work on problems of the Citrus Industry prior to the 1949 session. He has served with other members of the Senate on a special committee for the furnishing and decorating of the new Senate Chamber in the Capitol. His chief interests in the legislature are Public Welfare, Public Health, Schools, Public Highways, Agriculture, a more equitable tax system, with better governmental service at lower cost.

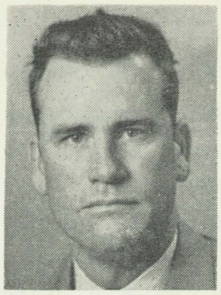
District 2—PHILIP D. BEALL, JR., Pensacola lawyer, was born June 15, 1915, at Pensacola, Florida. He attended parochial schools there, and received his law degree from the University of Florida. He was a first lieutenant in the 447th heavy bombardment group of the eighth air force. He was overseas 22 months and won the Air Medal; served in Senate during 1947 session. He married the former Miss Dorothy Klein of Pender Harbor, British Columbia, Canada. He likes to hunt and fish. Chairman of Temperance Committee.



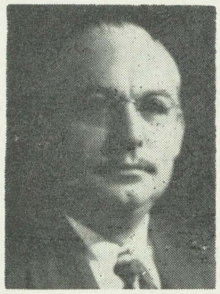
District 3—JOHNNIE WRIGHT, World War II veteran of DeFuniak Springs, was born there April 5, 1925 and graduated from Walton County High School. After serving in the Army from 1943 to 1946 when he was discharged with the rate of Aviation Machinist Mate third class, he enrolled in Florida State University where he is presently majoring in Public Administration. He is a member of the Baptist Church and the American Legion. Chairman of Population Committee.



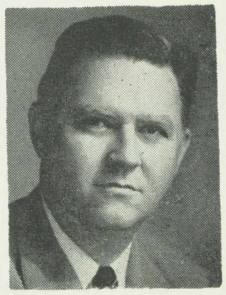
District 4—C. L. ALFORD, Grand Ridge farmer and stockman, was born in Grand Ridge June 16, 1895. He served as County Commissioner from 1932 to 1936, as Representative from Jackson County in the 1937 Legislative session, and as Senator from the fourth district in the 1947 session. He is a veteran of World War I and a member of the American Legion. He was educated in Florida public schools and took a Law course at the University of Florida. He is married and has three children. Chairman of Agriculture and Livestock Committee.



District 5—LUTHER C. TUCKER, Crawfordville road builder and general contractor, was born February 21, 1911, in Hosford, Liberty County, and was educated in the schools of that county. He is a veteran of World War II, served in Pacific theatre and was discharged with the rank of Machinist Mate 1st Class. He is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce. He married the former Grace Maxine Spears of Crawfordville and they have two boys and one girl. Chairman of Pensions and Claims Committee.



District 6—ALEXANDER LOVE (AL) WILSON, Quincy merchant, was born January 29, 1899 in his present home town. He attended the public schools of Gadsden County and was graduated in 1920 from Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., with A. B. and M. A. degrees. He was a Gadsden County Commissioner for 8 years and served in the legislature in 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945 and 1947. He is a director of the Quincy State Bank, a Mason, a member of the Methodist church, the Rotary Club, SAE fraternity, and the American Legion. He is married and has two children.



District 7—HARRY EUBANK KING, Winter Haven lawyer, was born November 18, 1902 at Bethune, S. C., moved to Florida in 1920 at age 17, and has been a resident of Winter Haven since 1925. He attended high school in Bethune, and the University of Florida at Gainesville. He was municipal judge in 1932 and 1942, and has been city attorney since 1942, and served in the legislature in 1941, 1943, 1945, and 1947. He is a member of Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, Shrine, Worshipful Master Winter Haven Lodge No. 186 for 1944; Exalted Ruler Elks Lodge 1946-1947, K. of P., president of Kiwanis Club, former president of Chamber of Commerce and Jaycees, former State vice president of Jaycees and Young Democratic Clubs of Florida, and served approximately 1 year as a member of Volunteer Port Security Force, U. S. Coast Guard Temporary Reserve. He is interested in citrus legislation, education, State finances and taxation, roads, dependent children, old age assistance, veterans' legislation, and water conservation and flood control. He married the former Miss Vanira Taylor of Live Oak and they have one son, Harry E. King, Jr., a Navy veteran and student at Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

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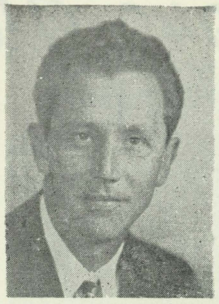
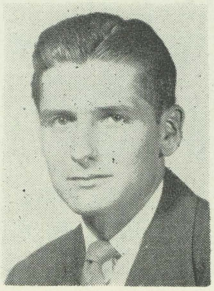
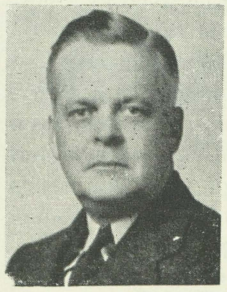


District 8 — THOMAS LeROY COLLINS, Tallahassee lawyer, was born March 10, 1909, at Tallahassee, Florida. He was educated in Leon County schools and attended Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn., and was graduated with LL.B. degree. He served in the Sessions of 1941 and 1943 as Senator and in the 1935, 1937, and 1939 sessions as representative. He served 2 years as an officer in the United States Naval Reserve as Assistant to District legal officer, 13th Naval District. He was a member of the School Code Commission in 1937 and 1938 and Chairman of the Finance and Taxation Committee of the Senate in 1943. He is interested in Civic activities. Senator Collins' chief interests in the legislature are reforms in our educational system and adopting a progressive state program, he was Chairman of the 1947 Senate Committee on Education and steered to passage the comprehensive school bill enacted during that session. His hobbies are fishing and hunting. He is married and has 3 children.



District 9—JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON, JR., Brooksville attorney, was born September 16, 1922 at Sanford and moved to Brooksville in 1936 where he completed high school. He studied Business Administration at the University of Florida from 1940 to 1942 when he resigned to enter the Navy. His service as Torpedo Pilot in the Navy Air Corps from 1943 to 1945 included eleven months overseas in the Pacific, and he held the rank of Lieutenant J.G. when released. He is at present City Attorney for Brooksville, president of Hernando County Junior Chamber of Commerce, Vice President of Brooksville Alumni Association, Member of V.F.W., American Legion, and Moose Club.



District 10—W. TURNER DAVIS, Madison lawyer, was born August 1, 1901 in his present home city. He attended high school in Madison, was graduated from Virginia Military Institute and from the University of Florida. He is a former mayor of Madison, former member of Board of Law Examiners, and served in the legislature in 1943, 1945, and 1947. Senator Davis is a member of S. A. E. fraternity. He married the former Miss Cora Beggs of Madison. Chairman of Privileges and Election Committee.

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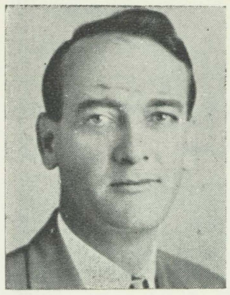
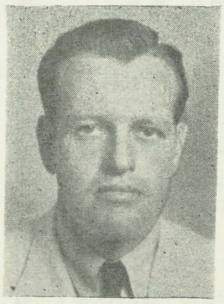


District 11—HENRY SWINTON (HANK) BAYNARD, St. Petersburg attorney, was born January 26, 1905 at Mill Springs, N. C., moved to Florida in 1919 at age 14, and has been a resident of St. Petersburg since August of that year. He attended grammar school in Landrum, S. C., high school in St. Petersburg, and was graduated from the University of Florida at Gainesville with an LL.B. degree. He was Pinellas County prosecuting attorney from 1933 to 1941, attorney for State Racing Commission from January 1941 to July 1942, and was member and secretary of the State Racing Commission from 1942 to 1945. Was elected to the State Senate in 1944, served one term; reelected for another term to State Senate in 1948. He is past president of St. Petersburg Bar Association and is a member of various civic and fraternal organizations. His hobbies are golf and baseball. Senator Baynard's chief interests in the legislature are schools, modernization of State institutions, a new constitution, an equitable tax system and proper distribution and spending of revenue. He married the former Miss Nancy Lang and they have two boys, ages six and ten.

District 12 — EVANS CRARY, Stuart lawyer, was born in Tampa on June 25, 1905, and has been a resident of Stuart since 1927. He was educated in the public schools of Tampa and at the University of Florida, where he received the degree of LL.B. He was Stuart city judge for 7 years, Martin County attorney for 13 years, has been in the legislature since 1937 serving through 1945, when he was Speaker, in the House and in the Senate in 1947. He is a Mason, Odd Fellow and Rotarian. Senator Crary's hobbies in private life are reading, movies, and fishing. He is married and has two sons. Chairman of County Organization Committee.



District 13—R. B. GAUTIER, JR., Miami attorney, was born April 3, 1909, at Miami, Florida. He attended Riverside Military Academy and Washington and Lee University. He was a Naval aviator in World War II and served in the 1943 and 1947 legislatures as Representative. His main interest in the 1949 Legislature is the establishment of a State Medical and Dental School. Senator Gautier is married and has two children.

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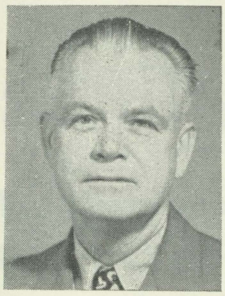
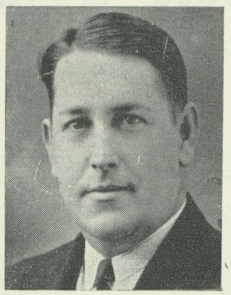
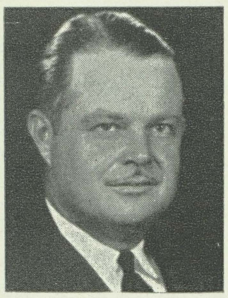
As as December 31, 1948, there were 49,839 miles of rural roads and city streets in Florida of which the Road Department maintained 8,950 miles, divided into 7,945 rural miles and 1,05 urban miles. There were 30,792 miles of county roads and 10,097 miles of city streets.



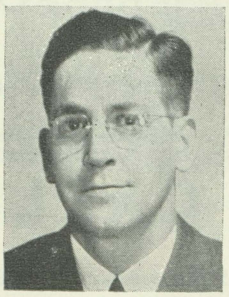
District 14—JAMES WOFFORD LINDLER, Lake City railway express agent, was born August 20, 1897 in his present home city. He attended Columbia high school and Columbia College in Lake City. He served in the legislature in 1931, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945 and 1947. He is a veteran of the First World War and was Worshipful Master of Lake City Lodge No. 27, F. & A. M. in 1944. Senator Lindler's hobby is hunting and his chief interests in the legislature are schools and health legislation. He is married and has two children.



District 15—CHARLEY EUGENE JOHNS, Starke, Florida, General Insurance Business, was born February 27, 1905 in Starke. He was educated in public schools of Bradford County. He served in the legislature in 1935, 1937, 1939, 1945, and 1947. Senator Johns has been re-elected for a new four year term, and his chief interest is economy in government and old age pensions. He married the former Miss Thelma Brinson of Starke and they have two children. Chairman of Prisons and Convicts Committee.



District 16 — ALEXANDER G. (SANDY) McARTHUR, Fernandina attorney, was born July 15, 1903 at Montbrook, and has been a resident of Nassau County since 1928. He attended the public schools in Florida, and Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Va. He was a member of the Board of Forestry from 1939 to 1943, Nassau County attorney from 1935 to 1942, and served in the legislature in 1935, 1937, 1943, 1945 and 1947. He is a Past Master of Masonic Lodge and a member of the Elks' Club. Senator McArthur's hobby is Brahma cattle and his main interest in the legislature is economy. He married the former Miss Mabel McKinney of Brooksville.

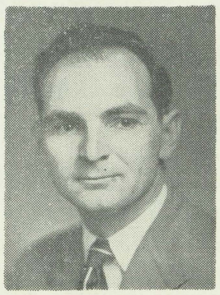


District 17—G. WARREN (BOBBY) SANCHEZ, Live Oak lawyer, was born December 5, 1910 at Key West, and has resided in Live Oak since 1920. He attended Florida public schools and the University of Florida at Gainesville, and was graduated from Tulane University, New Orleans, La. He has been city attorney at Live Oak since 1937, school board attorney since 1940, and served in the legislature in 1943, 1945, and 1947. He is a past Exalted Ruler of B. P. O. Elks Club, first president of Suwannee County Jaycees, a Mason, a Shriner, member of the Kiwanis Club, and the Florida Bar Association. He married the former Miss Martha Blackwell and they have one son.

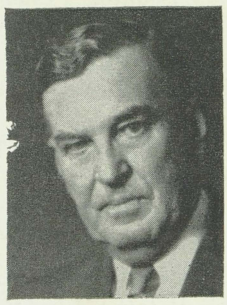
District 18—JOHN ELIE (RED) MATHEWS, Jacksonville attorney, was born July 19, 1892 at Gray's Landing, Ga., and moved to Jacksonville in 1915 where he has since resided. He attended the public schools of Tatnall and Toombs Counties in Georgia and was graduated from Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., with a B.S. degree. He was Duval County attorney for eight years, and served in the House of Representatives in 1929, 1931, and in the Senate in 1943, 1945 and 1947. He is a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, member of Barnett Lodge F. & A.M. and president of Black Camel Fund of Morocco Temple of the Shrine. He is interested in fishing and hunting, and in state and local political affairs. Senator Mathews' chief interests in the legislature are schools, old age assistance, roads, and maintenance of local self-government, including maintenance of states' rights and opposition to all forms of federal encroachment. Senator Mathews has always been a champion of public health measures, and has often stated that a healthy citizenship is just as important as an educated citizenship. He is now an active sponsor of the establishment of a Grade A medical and dental college in Florida. He is married and has three children, a daughter and two sons, both veterans of Navy service in World War II.

District 19—J. B. RODGERS, JR., City Attorney for Winter Garden, Ocoee, and Oakland, who was born May 22, 1912 in Milton, has lived in Florida all his life and was educated in its public schools and universities, having studied pre-law at the University of Florida and earned his Law Degree at Stetson University. He is a member of the Baptist Church, Rotary International, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce, West Orange Recreational Association, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Senator Rodgers' chief legislative interests are citrus, cities and towns, uniform educational facilities for the public schools. He further believes that cost of government may be reduced by coordinating the activities of various state agencies, and elimination of waste and extravagance in purchasing state supplies through a central purchasing agency. He is married and has three children.

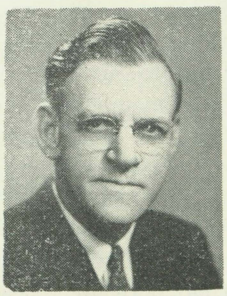
District 20—WALLACE EDWIN STURGIS, Ocala lawyer, was born November 8, 1898 in Swiftwater, Miss., moved to Florida in 1925 and has been a resident of Ocala since that year. He attended public schools of Mississippi, Mississippi State College, University of Virginia and George Washington University. He has been Marion County attorney since 1932 and served in the legislature in 1943, 1945, and 1947. He is a Veteran of the Mexican Expeditionary Force and World War I, recently a Lt. Colonel—Judge Advocate General Florida State Guard, and is former president of Ocala Kiwanis Club, past president of Marion County Bar Association, past president of Fifth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, past commander of Marion County Post American Legion, past commander 2d District of Florida American Legion, past State Judge Advocate of American Legion, and past Exalted Ruler of Ocala Elks Club. He is a Mason and Shriner. He is interested in golfing, hunting, boys' work, and civic development. Senator Sturgis is interested in all social legislation, taxation and school problems. He married the former Miss Catherine Henry of Ocala, and they have four children, one son a veteran of Marine Corps service in World War II.



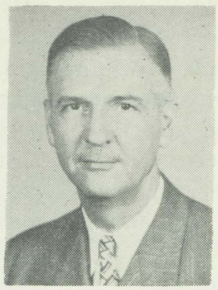
District 21—J. MIN AYERS, publisher and owner of Gilchrist County Journal, was born January 12, 1916 near Cedar Key in Levy County. He was elected Representative of Gilchrist County in 1938 and served in the 1939, 1941, 1943, and 1945 sessions, and was Speaker Pro-Tem in the 1945 session. He did not seek re-election in 1946. He is a member of the Methodist Church, Rotary Club, Gilchrist-Levy Farm Bureau and Levy County Sportsmen Association. He is not married.



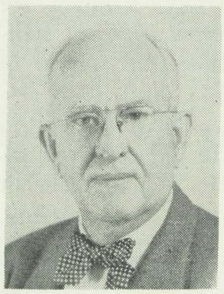
District 22—SCOTT DILWORTH (DILL) CLARKE, Monticello attorney and bank president, was born March 31, 1881 in Monticello. He was President of the 1947 Senate. He attended the public schools in Monticello, South Florida Military Academy at Bartow, and the University of Virginia. He was president of the Monticello city council for 15 years, Jefferson County judge from 1909 to 1921, was mayor of Monticello in 1905, and has been county attorney and school board attorney since 1909. He is a Mason, Shriner, and member of the Elks Club. His hobbies are fishing and hunting. He is married and has two children.



District 23—J. ED BAKER, Umatilla Realtor and former newspaperman, was born in Plant City July 18, 1899 and was educated in the public schools of Palm Beach County. He was previously engaged in the clothing business, was general manager of the Palm Beach Times and for eleven years was Superintendent of the Harry Anna Crippled Children's Home. He served in the Senate in 1943 but did not seek re-election in 1944. He served in the Navy in World War I and is a member of the American Legion, past Governor of the Florida Kiwanis District, past President of the State Elks Association, a member of the State Chamber of Commerce, the Masonic Lodge and the Presbyterian Church. He is married and has two sons.



District 24 — JAMES ALFRED (JIM) FRANKLIN, Ft. Myers attorney, was born February 11, 1895 in New Edinburg, Ark., moved to Florida in 1907 at age 12, and has resided in Ft. Myers since 1924. He attended the public schools of Florida and was graduated from the University of Florida at Gainesville with LL.B. degree. He entered the legislature in 1943. He is a veteran of World War I, 1st Lieutenant, infantry, served in France, Belgium and Germany, Military Government, and as a Lt. Colonel in World War II. He is a member of A. T. O. fraternity, was district governor of Rotary, and is active in American Legion and Boy Scout work. His hobbies are golf and politics. He married the former Miss Eugene Waterbury of Jacksonville and they have three children.



District 25—MAJOR OLIN G. SHIVERS, hotel owner of Chipley, was born April 10, 1884 at Camilla, Georgia, where he attended high school, and moved to Chipley in 1913, after completing a business course at Massey's in Jacksonville. In World War I he was a Major in the Infantry, Commanding the 320th Machine Gun Battalion of the 82nd Division and earned a citation for gallantry. His legislative record includes one term as Senator (1933-1936) and two terms as Representative from Washington County (1941-45). He was elected in 1948 to serve through 1951. Senator Shivers married Nella Wells on September 15, 1917 in Atlanta, Georgia and they have two sons, Douglas B. (27), Attorney of Tallahassee and Dr. Olin G., Jr., (24), Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, Tenn. Chairman of Public Roads and Highways Committee.

District 26 — BASIL CHARLES (BILL) PEARCE, Palatka farmer, was born November 29, 1894, at Columbia, Alabama. He came to Florida in 1896 at the age of 2 and has resided at Palatka since that date. He was educated in Putnam County. He served in the 1933 session as representative and as Senator in 1947 session; has served the City Council at Palatka 3 years, Putnam County Board of Bond Trustees 4 years and is a member of the State Democratic Committee. He is a past Post Commander of the American Legion, past president of the Rotary Club, past Exalted Ruler, Past District Deputy, Member of Board of Directors State Association, B. P. O. Elks. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the State Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of Local Board of Selective Service. He served in France with the U. S. Engineers in World War I. Senator Pearce is married and has one child. He is interested in all outdoor sports. Chairman of Games and Fisheries Committee.

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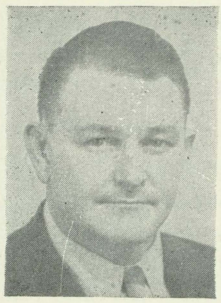
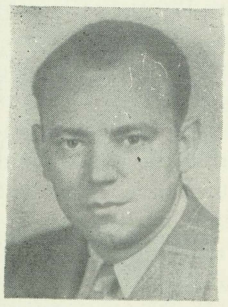
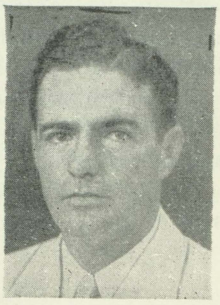


District 27—JAMES W. MOORE, Sebring lawyer, realtor and insurance agent, was born July 14, 1911, at Tampa, Florida. He has resided at Sebring since December, 1941. He was educated at Leesburg and Gainesville, and was graduated from the University of Florida with LL.B. degree. He was Assistant Attorney General for the State of Florida in 1939 and is County Attorney for Highlands County. His hobby is novel writing and he is interested in roads in his District. Senator Moore married the former Florence H. Bailey of Ocala and they have three children.

District 28 — WALTER GREEN WALKER, Daytona Beach attorney and publisher, was born August 13, 1893 at Jacksonville and has been a resident of Volusia County since 1904. He attended public schools in Jacksonville, New Smyrna and Daytona Beach. He received his LL.B. from Stetson University in 1915. He is former Criminal Court Judge, Prosecuting Attorney, City Attorney and State Democratic Committeeman. Senator Walker is a member of State and Volusia County Bar Associations. He is a Mason, Shriner, Moose and Christian Scientist. He was a member of the 1943 and 1945 House of Representatives and of the 1947 Senate. His early public life has been devoted largely to a fight for elimination of the local bill evil and uniform laws for cities and old age and child welfare. He was a leading exponent of the 1947 school program. His interest now is chiefly old age and child welfare, and schools. Senator Walker is married, has three daughters, two sons, and two grandchildren.



District 29—J. SLATER SMITH, JR., Green Cove Springs bus terminal operator, was born November 17, 1917 at Green Cove Springs. He attended public schools there and the University of Florida. He was graduated from the National Law School in Washington, D. C., with the degree of LL.B. He is president of the Green Cove Springs Chamber of Commerce, member of the American Legion, Rotary Club, and Methodist Church. He entered the Army Air Corps in World War II as private and was discharged with the rank of Captain, serving as base Judge Advocate. He was a member of the House of Representatives from Clay County in 1947.



District 30 — GEORGE W. LEAIRD, Fort Lauderdale attorney, was born June 13, 1912 in Fort Lauderdale, attended Public schools there and was graduated from the University of Florida Law School in 1935. He was City Attorney of Hollywood four years, Attorney for Broward County Board of Public Instruction four years and served in the Legislative sessions of 1939, 1941 and

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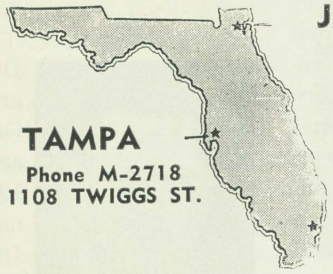

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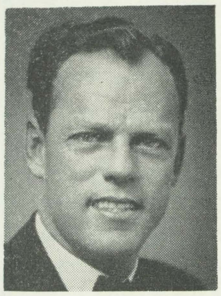
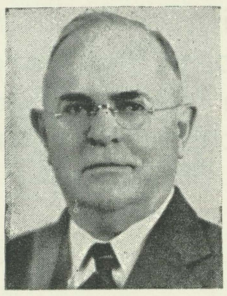
1543 as Representative and 1947 as Senator. He is a veteran of overesas service in World War II with the rank of Lieutenant in the Navy. He is a member of the legal firm of Berryhill and Leaird, a member of the Lions Club, Phi Delta Phi fraternity and Presbyterian Church. He is married and has two children.

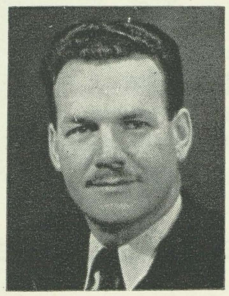


District 31—VERLE A. POPE, St. Augustine, is a native born Floridian, spent his early childhood in St. Augustine and Alachua County near the Cross Creek section. He is 45 years of age, attended the University of Florida and later attended the Army Air Corps Flying School in Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Pope has been engaged in the Real Estate and Insurance business in St. Augustine for the past 20 years and is Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge, a member of the Kiwanis Club, past director of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Masons. He was formerly chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County and later served on the District Welfare Board, a position which he resigned to run for the legislature in 1942, he received the Democratic nomination for the legislature but resigned when he entered service as a Navigator and Combat Intelligence Officer in the Army Air Corps. He served overseas with the 8th Air Force, flying numerous missions over Germany, receiving the European Air Medal with 8 Clusters, Presidential Citation and was awarded the Croix de Guerre of the French Government for participation in the St. Lo mission. Mr. Pope is interested in the agriculture and tourist development of the state and believes that good roads and a good educational system are essential to its continued development. He married Edith Everett Taylor, daughter of the late Senator A. M. Taylor and one of Florida's novelists, she being the author of "Not Magnolia," "Half Holiday," "Colcorton" and "Old Lady Estroy." They have one child, Pegy Carlton Pope, age 10.

District 32—WILLIAM AUGUSTINE (BILL) SHANDS, Gainesville business man and farmer, was born July 21, 1889 in Bronson, and has been a resident of Gainesville since 1900. He attended Florida public schools and studied law at the University of Florida. He was Gainesville city commissioner for 3 years, a member of the State Highway Department, Second district, for 4 years, and served in the legislature in 1941, 1943, 1945, and 1947. He is married and has one child.



District 33—N. Ray (KING CARROLL, Kissimmee banker, rancher, and citrus grower, was born May 26, 1886 in New Albany, Ohio, moved to Florida in 1924, and has resided in Osceola County since 1926. He attended public schools and Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He was mayor of Bedford, Ohio, in 1922 and 1923, and served in the Florida legislature in 1941, 1943, 1945 and 1947. He is a past president and chairman of distinguished service committee of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, Florida District Governor Kiwanis Clubs, chairman Florida Bankers Association live stock committee and member Citizens Education Committee. Senator Carroll's main interests in the legislature are to enact good legislation to insure better schools for Florida and improvements in buildings for all State institutions, especially the hospital for the insane. He is married and has two children.



District 34—RAYMOND SHELDON, Tampa lawyer, was born January 18, 1907 at McGregor, Manitoba, Canada, moved to Florida in 1920 at age 13, and has lived in Tampa since 1928. He attended the schools of Canada and Florida and was graduated from Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn. He is a member of the Elks, Knights of Pythias, American, Florida and Tampa Bar Associations, Loyal Order of the Moose, United Commercial Travelers, Tampa and State Chamber of Commerce, Florida Audubon Society, and the Florida Palomino Exhibitors Association, and vestryman of the House of Prayer Episcopal Church, Tampa. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1936 and has represented Hillsborough County continuously in the House and Senate and is still serving as State Senator. He was Speaker pro tem of the House of Representatives in 1941. Senator Sheldon is a lover of horses, and has on his farm near Tampa some fine registered American Saddle Horses and some beautiful registered Palominoes. Horses are his hobby. Senator Sheldon's foremost interest in the State Legislature are safeguarding local self-government, schools, and aid to needy children and aged. He married Miss Cathryn Griffith of Tampa in 1930. They have two sons, Raymond, Jr., and Charles David. Senator Sheldon is a staunch advocate and supporter of the program of Governor Warren.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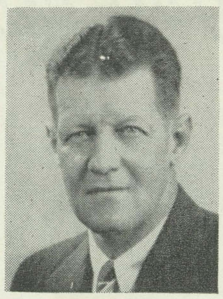
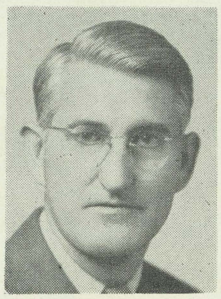
District 35—JOHN REID (JOHNNIE) BEACHAM, West Palm Beach attorney, was born July 22, 1898 at Unadilla, Ga., and has resided in West Palm Beach since 1924. Attended public schools of Pinehurst, Ga,. Mercer University at Macon, Ga., and Detroit College of Law, Detroit, Mich., where he recevied an LL.B. degree in 1924. Was Vice-Mayor of West Palm Beach for three years, Mayor in 1930 and 1931, and has served in the Legislature since 1933. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Elks Club, Masonic Lodge, Consistory, Knight Templar, Shrine, Royal Order of Jesters, American Legion, State and County Bar Associations, Florida Hotel Association, Director of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the State Chamber of Commerce. Hobby is baseball. Senator Beacham's chief interests in the legislature are taxation, rehabilitation and flood control programs. He is married. Chairman of Drainage and Water Control Committee.

District 36—WILLIAM J. RAY, Bradenton lawyer, was born August 23, 1897 in Overton County, Tenn. He obtained his college education at the State Normal College and Cumberland University in his native state. He has practiced law in Bradenton since 1925 and for several years prior thereto taught school and coached high school athletics. He served in the House of Representatives in 1937, 1939 and 1945, and in the Senate in 1947, and has been nominated President Pro Tem of the 1949 Senate. His chief concern in the 1949 Legislature is Constitutional reform and tax revision. His chief hobbies are camping and outdoor life. He is married and has two sons, age 17 and 15.



District 37—LLOYD FARGO BOYLE, Sanford attorney, was born December 26, 1898 in Chicago, Ill., moved to Florida in 1919 at age 20, and has resided in Sanford since 1924. He attended public schools of Oak Park, Ill., Rollins College, Winter Park, and was graduated from Stetson University at DeLand with LL.B. degree. He was State Attorney, 23d circuit of Florida, from 1932 to 1935, assistant State Attorney, ninth circuit, from 1935 to 1943, has been Seminole County Attorney since 1943 and served in the 1945 and 1947 Sessions of the legislature being a member of the Senate. Mr. Boyle is a veteran of World War I in which he served with the 42nd (Rainbow) Division. He is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Order of the Purple Heart, Masons, Shrine and Elks. He married the former Miss Rosa L. Gray of Laurens, S. C., and they have three children.



District 38—J. C. GETZEN, JR., Bushnell lawyer - farmer - cattleman, was born March 8, 1905 in Webster. He has served six terms in the legislature. He is a member of the Masonic Club, Modern Woodmen, Odd Fellows, Elks, Kiwanis Club and Young Democrats. Representative Getzen's hobbies in private life are hunting, fishing, and horses (good breeding stock). In public life, he is interested in agriculture, welfare, education, and public health. He is not married.

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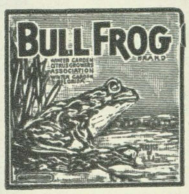

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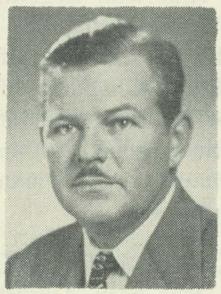
# Members of 1949 Florida House

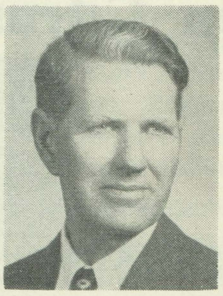
**Speaker of the House**

Polk County—PERRY E. MURRAY, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives for the 1949 session and Representative of Polk County, resides at Frostproof. Mr. Murray was born at Vienna, Georgia, on December 16, 1899, was educated in the public schools of Georgia and at Georgia Normal College and Business Institute, Douglas, Georgia, and at Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, graduating with A.B. and LL.B. degrees from the latter institution. He was instructor in English at Norman Junior College, Norman Park, Georgia, in 1922-23 and covered the courts as a reporter for Savannah Morning News, Savannah, Georgia, for several months in 1923 and 1924. He then practiced law in Macon, Georgia for two years and moved to Frostproof, Florida, in the early part of 1926 where he has practiced law ever since. He has also engaged for many years in growing citrus fruit in the vicinity of Frostproof. He served as the first Chairman of the Polk County Budget Commission. He served for several years as City Attorney for Avon Park, and has served for more than twenty-two years as City Attorney of Frostproof. He has served continuously in the Florida House of Representatives since 1941, was Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary B in the 1943 session, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary A in the 1945 session, and Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation in the 1947 session. In both the 1945 and 1947 sessions his colleagues designated him, by secret ballot, as the Legislator who had rendered the most valuable service without adequate public recognition. In 1945 the Polk County Delegation, of which he was a member, was voted the most effective delegation in the Legislature. Mr. Murray was married in 1925 to Lois Johnston of Honea Path, South Carolina, and they have one son, Robert Perry, age thitreen. Mr. Murray is a member of the Methodist Church, American Legion, Rotary Club, Scottish Rite Masons and the Shrine and of the Lake Wales Golf and Country Club.



Alachua County—R. L. (BOB) BLACK, Gainesville farmer, cattleman and naval stores operator, was born in Bradford County, November 8, 1906, and was educated in the public schools of Alachua County and the University of Florida. He is the son of the late Senator Lucas Black who represented the 32nd District for many years. Representative Black is a member of the Methodist Church, Sigma Chi fraternity, Elks, U.C.T., Chamber of Commerce and organizer and past president of the Hurricane Quarterback Club of Gainesville, and past president of the Jaycees in Palatka, where he lived for many years while engaged in farming and cattle raising in Putnam County. He is married and has three sons.

Alachua County—W. E. WHITLOCK, JR., High Springs business man, was born August 18, 1911 at Charleston, South Carolina and moved to Florida the same year. He attended public schools of Columbia and Alachua Counties and the University of Florida, and has been a resident of Alachua County since 1922. Mr. Whitlock served in World War II and is past Post Commander of Gordon Rimes Post Number 97 of the American Legion and past City Commissioner of High Springs. His chief interest in the Legislature is in measures designed to assure business-like and progressive management of state government. He is married and has three children.



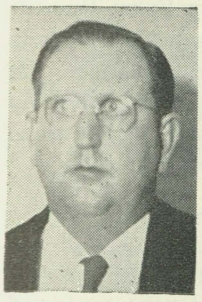
Baker County—B. ROBERT BURNSED, Macclenny lawyer and farmer, was born in Charlton County, Ga., in 1893, moved to Florida in 1933, and has resided in Macclenny since that time. He attended the Georgia public schools, was graduated from G. N. C., and received his law degree from the Atlanta Law School. He was Baker County commissioner for 2 years. He served overseas for 15 months in the first World War, was president of Macclenny Lions Club in 1939, and has held all offices in local American Legion Post, is a member of the 40 and 8, Lake City Elks Club, the Scottish Rites Bodies of

Jacksonville, and Morocco Temple. He served in the 1945 and 1947 sessions of the Legislature, and is this year Speaker Pro-Tem of the House. Representative Burnsed is interested in wild game promotion and a law to stop defacing or injuring of timber on road department rights-of-way. He married the former Miss Myrtle Mattox of Folkston, Ga., and they have two children.

Bay County—GRADY W. COURTNEY of Millville, Florida, was born February 13, 1918, at Graceville, Fla., and attended Graceville High School. Representative Courtney is a member of the Masons and has participated in various community endeavors. He served in the 1947 session and his chief legislative interest is "the general betterment of the State." Mrs. Courtney is the former Miss Ruby Lucille Bass of Slocomb, Alabama. They have two girls.

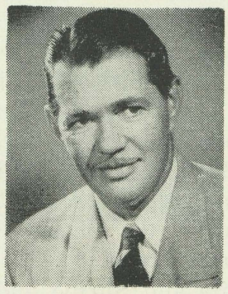
Bay County—JOSEPH I. MATHIS, attorney of Panama City, was born at Dothan, Alabama in 1911 but moved to Bonifay, Fla., at the age of one year and lived there until 1927 when he moved to Panama City. He attended the public schools of Bay County and the University of Florida where he graduated with an LL.B. degree in 1935. In World War II he served approximately five years in the Air Corps and had the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel when discharged. Since the war he has practiced law with his father, C. R. Mathis, Sr., who served in the legislative sessions of 1917, 1918, (special) and 1919, and has also been Municipal Judge of Panama City. He is married and has one son.

Bradford County—J. P. (JAKE) ROBERTS, automobile dealer of Starke, was born December 4, 1900 at Lake Butler and educated in the schools of Bradford County. He was Mayor of Starke in 1948 and is a member of the Christian Church, Masons, Elks and Lions Club. In addition to being an automobile dealer Representative Roberts owns and operates an automobile supply business. He is married and has one son.

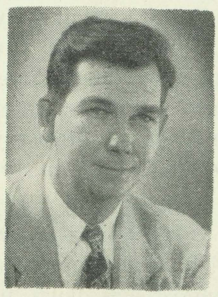


Brevard County—O. L. BURTON, Eau Gallie lumber and building material dealer, was born in Hazel, Ky., Dec. 19, 1906. He moved to Eau Gallie in 1925. He is past president of the Melbourne Kiwanis Club and Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Christian Church. He was elected to the House of Representatives without opposition in 1946 and served in the 1947 session. He is married and has two children.

Brevard County — HUBERT E. GRIGGS, Cocoa lawyer and citrus grower, was born May 11, 1906 in Bonaventure, Brevard County, attended public schools of Cocoa and the University of Florida where he was graduated from the College of Law in 1932. He began practice of law the same year in Cocoa where he presently maintains his offices. He was Secretary and Chairman of Brevard County Democratic Executive Committee for sixteen years; member of Cocoa City Council for three years and is at present serving his second term as Mayor. He is a Mason, member of the Baptist Church, Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Cocoa Lodge 1532 B.P.O.E., being a Past Exalted Ruler of that Lodge and is the present District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Florida Central. He is married and has two sons. His hobbies are sports and civic work.

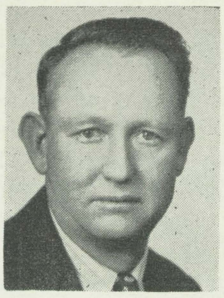


Broward County—JOHN S. BURWELL, Ft. Lauderdale realtor, farmer and citrus producer, was born in Logansport, Indiana January 20, 1904 but moved at the age of 9 to Ft. Lauderdale where he completed high school, taking a prominent part in athletics and establishing some new track records. At the University of Florida he was on the track and baseball teams and became a member of the Delta Tau Delta social fraternity. Representative Burwell is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Jaycees of Ft. Lauderdale, the Elks, Moose, and Lions Clubs, is a director of the Broward County Health and Tuberculosis Association and was twice County Chairman for the March of Dimes. He is an ardent sports fan, likes fishing, hunting and horses, and takes a prominent part in the Lions Club Annual Charity Horse Show. He served in the Legislature in 1939, 1941, 1943 and 1945 and in this session will be mainly interested in Flood Control and Water Conservation. He is married and has one son, Harry, aged 15.



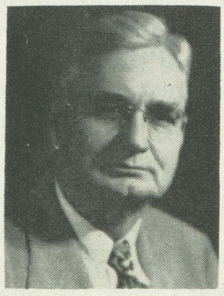
Broward County—THOMAS EDWARD (TED) DAVID, attorney and author of Ft. Lauderdale was born April 2, 1920 at Comer, Georgia, and graduated with honors from Hollywood Central School, Riverside Military Academy and the University of Georgia where he received his B.A. degree in 1942. In his Army service of four years (1942-46) he spent two years overseas in the European theatre, earned the rank of Captain and now holds a reserve commission as Captain T. C. He completed his legal study at the Miami College of Law, receiving his LL.B. degree this year and is now practicing with the firm of Samuels and David. Representative David is a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Amvets, Lions, Elks, and Jaycees who chose him as South Broward

County's most outstanding young man in 1948. He married the former Josephine Webb and they have one daughter, Josephine Larie, and one son, Thomas Edward, Jr.

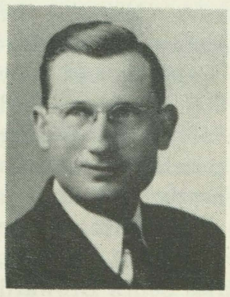


Calhoun County—EMORY E. BRIDGES, builder and contractor of Blountstown, was born in Sylvester, Ga., November 24, 1905 but moved to Florida at an early age and was educated in the public schools of Calhoun County. He is a Methodist and a member of the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star Chapter. His wife is the former Miss Verna B. Williams of Chipley and they have one daughter and four sons.

Charlotte County—LEO WOTITZKY, public school teacher and editor of Punta Gorda Herald, was born May 19, 1912 in Punta Gorda and has always resided there except for brief intervals. He attended the public schools of Punta Gorda and was graduated from the University of Florida with the B.S.E. degree. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1938 and has served continuously since that time. He is a past president of Punta Gorda Rotary Club, president of the Charlotte County Alumni Association of the University of Florida, a member of the Masons, Scottish Rite and Shrine and of the Moose Lodge. He served on the Florida Citizens Committee on Education. His chief legislative interests are in expanding educational opportunities for Florida's children and expansion of welfare services and public health.

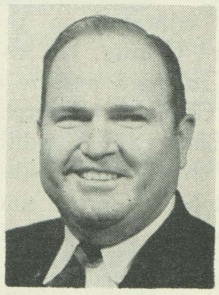


Citrus County—L. C. YEOMANS, wholesale fish, ice and hardware dealer, movie operator and rancher of Crystal River, was born in 1892 at Glenville, Tatnall County, Georgia and moved to Florida after service in World War I. He has served two terms as County Commissioner and many years on the Crystal River City Council, and was a member of the House of Representatives from Citrus County during the 1945 and 1947 sessions. His chief legislation interest is reported as promotion of industry in the State and the general welfare of people in his community.



Clay County—SAMUEL D. SANDERS, Middleburg lumberman, farmer and cattleman, was born in Sunnyside December 17, 1904, and attended the public schools of Clay County. He has served as County Commissioner for six years, and on the Board of Trustees for twelve years. Representative Sanders is a Baptist, a Mason, is married and the father of two sons and one daughter.

Collier County—D. GRAHAM COPELAND, retired Naval Officer and businessman of Everglades, was born March 24, 1885 at Bamberg, S. C., where he attended Carlisle School. His education was continued at The Citadel, Charleston, where he was a first honor graduate with a B.S. degree in 1903, the U. S. Naval Academy (B.S.-1906), and Rensellaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N. Y., where he received his Civil Engineer's degree in 1912. Mr. Copeland's 14-year Naval career (1906-20) included service through World War I, during which he was in charge of constructing U. S. air bases in France and Ireland, was attached to Headquarters Staff of U. S. Naval forces in Europe, was a member of Allied Mission to dismantle German air bases and was in charge of constructing the world's largest radio station at Croix d'Hins, France. He resigned from the Navy in 1920 but was Naval Representative for Southwest Florida during World War II. He was general manager of the Barron Collier Florida interests from 1924 to 1947 when he retired from business, and before that had been president of *Compania Universal de Comercio* of Havana. Cuba. He has served continuously as Chairman of the Collier Board of County Commissioners since 1929, is a member of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades National Park and was Town Manager of Everglades from 1929 to 1947. He is a Methodist and a member of Florida Historical Society, Historical Association of South Florida, the State and National Anthropological Societies, the Geographic Society of America and National Geographic Society, the Audubon Society and Collier County Conservation Association, South Florida Civil Engineering Association and American Legion. He married Marie Nathalie Paola Castanedo of New Orleans in 1909 and they have a daughter and one grandson.



Columbia County — F. W. (SHORTY) BEDENBAUGH, barber, of Lake City was born in Columbia County March 12, 1901 and has lived in his native county continuously except for seven years (1926-33) spent in Jacksonville. Mr. Bedenbaugh is very active in civic and fraternal activities and is a member of the Lutheran Church, the W.O.W., Chamber of Commerce, and is Secretary-Treasurer of the Columbia County Farm Bureau. His main interests in the legislature are health, schools, aid to dependent children and old age assistance. He does not think we need many new laws and hopes new taxes will not be necessary. He is married and has three children.

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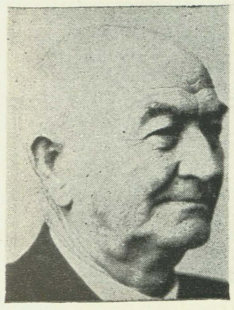
Dade County — GEORGE S. OKELL, SR., Miami Attorney, was born May 29, 1906 at Scranton, Penn. He was educated in the public schools of Miami, the University of Florida and is a graduate of the University of Miami. He served in the 1945 Legislature and is past president of the Young Democrat's Club of Florida, past Exalted Ruler of Elks, and is president of the Florida State Moose Association. Rep. Okell's main legislative interests are Flood Control and the establishment of a Medical College in the State. His hobbies are fishing and swimming. He is married and has four children, one attending University of Miami Law School.

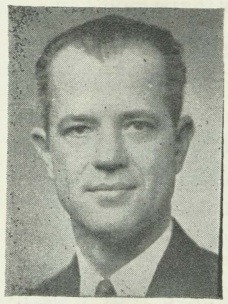
Dade County — WILLIAM COURTLAND LANTAFF, Miami attorney, was born July 31, 1913, at Buffalo, New York. He came to Florida in September, 1922. He attended schools in Jacksonville and Miami and was graduated from the University of Florida with A.B. and LL.B. degrees. In 1939 and 1940 he was City Judge at Miami Beach. He is a past president of Florida Blue Key, the Miami Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the Dade County Young Democrats. He was a Lt. Colonel, General Staff Corps, Military Intelligence Division, during World War II. He served in the 1947 session as a member of the House and is chiefly interested in Constitutional Revision and Revision of Tax Laws in the 1949 Legislature. Representative Lantaff's hobbies are golf and tennis. He is married and has two children.

Dade County—GRANT STOCKDALE, (Epecial election in March).

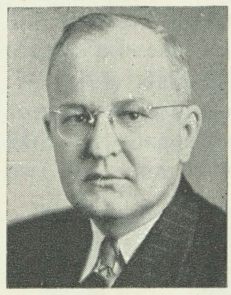
DeSoto County—THOMAS MARION PARKER, JR., at present a Senior in the College of Administration at the University of Florida, is a life long resident of Arcadia where he was born June 3, 1923 and attended the public schools of DeSoto County. Precedent for his service in the Florida Legislature was set by his great-grandfather and grand uncle. In World War II Representative Parker served with the Air Force from March, 1942 until November, 1945. His foremost legislative interests are education, citrus, cattle and governmental economy. He is not married.



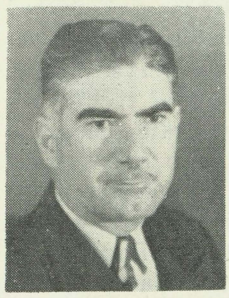
Dixie County—ROYAL C. DUNN, Cross City lawyer, was born September 18, 1875, at Beauford, North Carolina. He came to Florida in 1885 at the age of 10, and has resided at Cross City since 1941. He attended the Florida Agricultural College and was graduated with A.B. degree. He served as Railroad Commissioner from 1908 to 1920, is a member of the Baptist Church, the Lions Club and represents Dixie County on the State Democratic Committee; served in the House during 1947 session. Representative Dunn's main interest in the legislature is welfare and education. He is a widower.



Duval County — CHARLES A. LUCKIE was born at Montgomery, Alabama, November 27, 1906. He was graduated from Stetson University in 1931 with LL.B. Since that time he has practiced law in Jacksonville. He served in the Army from 1941 to 1946 and was overseas 27 months. He is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Exchange Club, and Baptist Church. Representative Luckie served in the 1941 and 1947 House. He is married.



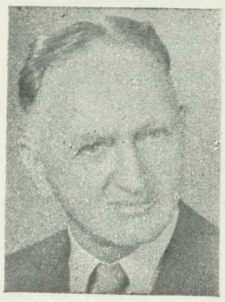
Duval County — FLETCHER MORGAN, Jacksonville department store owner, was born March 16, 1901 in Alabama, moved to Florida in 1924, and has resided in Jacksonville since 1930. He attended the public schools of Alabama. He was a member of the House of Representatives in the 1945 and 1947 sessions. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. Representative Morgan's main interest in the legislature is State finances. He is married.



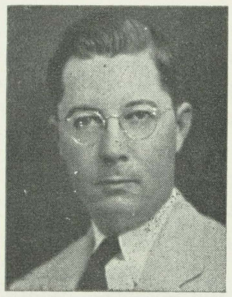
Duval County — MABRY A. CARLTON, Jacksonville attorney and former Criminal Court Judge, was born January 4, 1903 at Zolfo Springs. After graduating from Wauchula High School he attended the University of Florida where he received an LL.B. degree in 1930. He has practiced law in Jacksonville since his graduation and during that time served as Assistant County Solicitor in 1939, as Judge of the Criminal Court of Record of Duval County from 1943 to 1945 and was a school trustee for four years. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Good Will Club and was a member of the 1943 Legislature and again in 1945, when he served as Majority floor leader at the Extraordinary Session.

Escambia County — HARRY BOTTS, Jr., Pensacola lawyer, was born in South Jacksonville, January 18, 1913. He was reared in Fort Myers, was graduated from Lee County High School in 1930 and was graduated from the University of Florida and Cumberland University with LL.B. degree. He practiced law since 1935 in Pensacola. He is a member of the First Judicial Circuit and State Bar Associations, Young Democratic Club of Escambia County, Veterans of Foreign Wars and

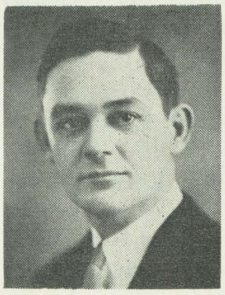
Methodist Church. He entered service January 1941 with 265th CA, Florida National Guard 1st Sergeant, 1st Pensacola Battery, served in Aleutians, separated 1946 with rank of captain. He served in the 1947 session of the legislature as a member of the House. He married the former Miss Helen Barry and they have one son.



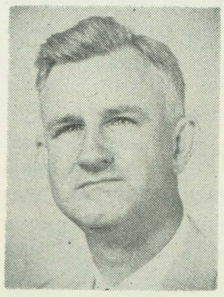
Escambia County—R. M. MERRITT, was born July 24, 1889, and has lived in Pensacola for 50 years. He was formerly Truant Officer for Escambia public schools and was a member of the House during the 1935 and 1947 sessions of the Legislature. He married the former Miss Arlie Jernigan and they have four daughters. He is a member of the Baptist Church.



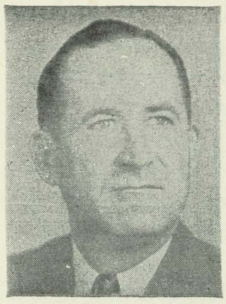
Flagler County — HERBERT TELWYN COOK, Bunnell attorney, was born in Parrish December 22, 1905. He served in the legislature in 1937, 1939, 1941, 1945, and 1947. Representative Cook is a member of the Methodist church and the Elks Club. He is married and has two children.



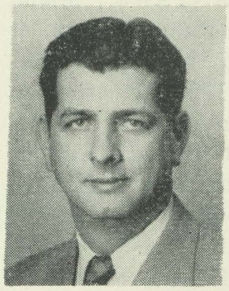
Franklin County—BRYANT GRADY PATTON, seafood dealer of Apalachicola, was born there October 8, 1895, and was educated in the public schools of Franklin County. He spent many years engaged in the oil production business in Oklahoma and while there served as Department Commander of the American Legion for that State. Though a veteran of World War I, he served in the last war as assistant to Paul V. McNutt on the War Man Power Commission and as Referee on the National Mediation Board. Representative Patton is a member of the Methodist Church, the Masons, Elks, American Legion, V.F.W., Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. He is married and has one daughter and three sons.



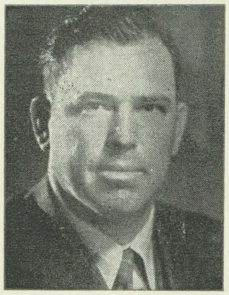
Gadsden County—E. W. SCARBOROUGH, Chattahoochee merchant, was born August 19, 1903 and has lived in Florida all his life. He is a graduate of Gadsden County High School at Quincy and the University of Florida. Mr. Scarborough served four years as Director of the State Beverage Department under the Holland administration (1941-45). He is a member of the Methodist Church.



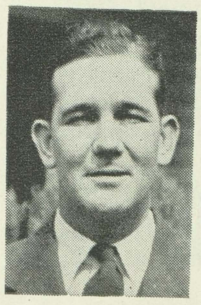
Gadsden County—DEWEY MACON (NICK) JOHNSON, Quincy lawyer, was born April 6, 1907 at Quincy, Florida. He was educated in the Gadsden county schools and was graduated from the University of Florida with LL.B. degree. He is a Baptist. He served as Senator in 1941 and 1943, and in 1939, 1945 and 1947 served in the House. He served as Hernando County Attorney for seven years. His main interest in the legislature is effecting a more efficient form of government, from expense viewpoint and abolishing unnecessary agencies. His interests are farming, hunting and fishing. Representative Johnson is married.



Gilchrist County — HOWELL EUGENE LANCASTER, farmer and cattleman of Trenton, was born July 31, 1911 at Eugene and attended the public schools of Dixie County. He was Mayor of Trenton in 1945 and 1946. He is a Baptist, is married and has two daughters and one son.



Glades County—JOSEPH HENRY (JOE) PEEPLES, Moore Haven cattle raiser, was born January 22, 1914 in Zolfo Springs, and has resided in Moore Haven since 1921. He attended the public schools of Moore Haven. He served in the legislature in 1943, 1945, and 1947. His hobbies are horses and politics. Representative Peeples' foremost interest in the legislature is schools. He is married and has two children.



Gulf County—GEORGE C. TAPPER, Port St. Joe general contractor, was born in Brooklyn, New York, October 1, 1915. He has been a resident of Florida since early childhood. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Rotary, Elks, Democratic Committeeman from 1938 to 1940, elected County Commissioner in 1940, served as chairman, resigning in 1941 to enter the Army, discharged as a Captain in 1945, member of House of Representatives 1947. He is past president of the Port St. Joe Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Rotary Club.

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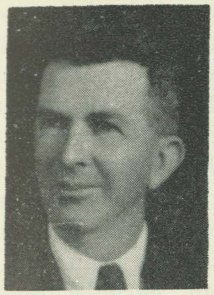
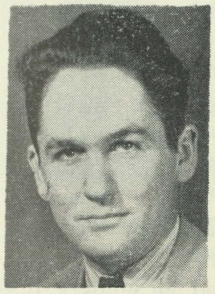
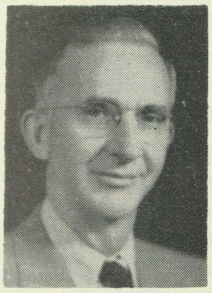


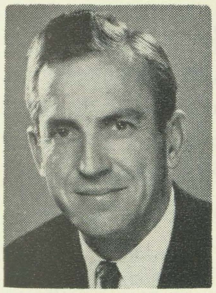
Hamilton County—JOSEPH W. (Joe) McALPIN, White Springs farmer and school teacher, was born October 17, 1900 in White Springs and has lived there all his life. He attended High School in White Springs and the University of Florida. He served three years as a member of the Hamilton County School Board and was a Member of the House of Representatives during the 1945 and 1947 sessions. He married Miss Elizabeth Cone of White Springs and they have one daughter.



Hardee County—G. W. (DICK) WILLIAMS, farmer, cattleman and citrus grower, was born on June 26, 1914 in Hardee County. He was educated in the public schools of his native county and resides in Wauchula. He is a member of the Baptist Church and is married.

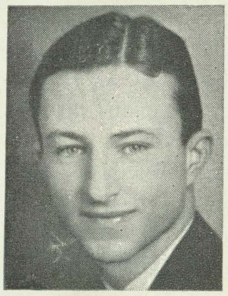


Hendry County—ELBERT L. STEWART, Clewiston banker, was born September 17, 1892 in Johnson County, Georgia and was educated in Georgia public schools. After moving to Clewiston in 1923, he founded the First Bank of Clewiston of which he is Executive Vice-President. He is married and a member of the Methodist Church which he serves as Trustee, a member of the Kiwanis, a Mason and an Elk. He has been a member of the legislature from Hendry County continuously since 1931 and was Speaker Pro-tem of the 1947 session.

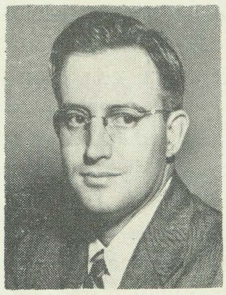


Hernando County — S. TRAVIS (TEX) PHILLIPS, in citrus and cattle business at Brooksville, was born at Graham, Texas and graduated from the University of Southern California in Diesel Engineering. He is a Baptist, president of the Florida Tennis Association, a member of the National Tennis Umpires Association, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis, and the Moose Lodge. His wife, Ada Bell Phillips, is from Asheville, N. C. and they have one son three years old. "Tex" names as his hobbies tennis, football, hunting and golf.

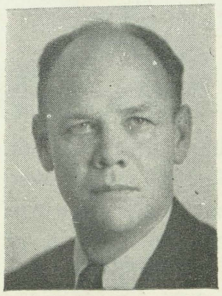
Highlands County—MISS EDNA PEARCE, Ft. Basinger cattlewoman and only woman member of the House, was born at Ft. Basinger October 19, 1910, educated in the public schools of Osceola and Highlands counties and is a graduate of Florida Southern College at Lakeland. She has served as Highlands County State Democratic Committeewoman for the past eight years and was nominated to the 1949 legislature without opposition. Miss Pearce is a Methodist, an active member of Highlands County and State Cattlemen's Associations, the Farm Bureau, Business and Professional Women's Club, Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and is past president of Florida Southern Alumni Association. She resides in her ancestral home at Ft. Basinger where she manages her own cattle ranch.



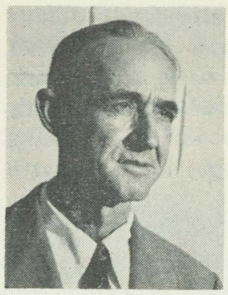
Hillsborough County—NEIL C. McMULLEN, Tampa attorney, was born August 30, 1913 in Tampa and has lived there all his life. He attended the public schools of Hillsborough County, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., and graduated from the University of Florida at Gainesville with A.B. and LL.B. degree. He has been assistant county solicitor for Hillsborough County since 1944, and served in the legislature in 1943, 1945, and 1947. He was president of junior section of State Bar Association in 1942, and vice president of the Bar Association of Tampa and Hillsborough County in 1944. Representative McMullen's main interests in the legislature are education and court reform.



Hillsborough County—JAMES S. MOODY, Plant City attorney, was born in that city on December 29, 1914 and attended the public schools of Hillsborough County. At the University of Florida he studied Business Administration and received B.S. and LL. B. degrees, the latter in 1939. He was Assistant County Attorney from 1941 to 1943 and from 1946 to 1948, having spent the intervening time with the Army in the European theater. Representative Moody is a member of the Presbyterian Church, State and County Bar Association, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Elks, Lions, American Legion and Officers Reserve Corps, and is a Director of the Florida Strawberry Festival Association. He is married and the father of three children.



Hillsborough County — JOHN AUSTIN BRANCH, Tampa attorney, and 1947 Representative from Hillsborough County, was born December 2, 1908, at Tampa, Florida, and was educated in the Hillsborough County schools. He is director of the Tampa Junior Chamber of Commerce, State and County Bar Associations, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a veteran of World War II and was wounded in the battle of St. Lo. Representative Branch is the author of several sonnets and other verses and essays which were published in numerous publications. His chief interest in the Legislature is schools and giving every child in Florida an opportunity for education. His hobby is writing essays and reading biographies. Representative Branch is married.



Holmes County—J. D. HEATH, Leonia merchant and farmer, was born February 9, 1892 in Coffee County, Alabama and graduated from the high school in Enterprise, Alabama. He serevd as Tax Collector of Coffee County, Alabama from 1927 and 1931 and moved to Holmes County, Florida in 1935. Representative Heath operates a cotton gin, cotton and peanut warehouses, a sawmill and deals in fertilizer. He is Chairman of Supervisors of the Choctawhatchee Soil Conversation District and member of the State Board of Supervisors, a member of the Methodist Church, Modern Woodmen and DeFuniak Springs Chamber of Commerce. His main legislative interests are in Soil Conservation, rural electrification, farm-to-market roads, other highways, education, health and welfare programs.

Indian River County—ALEXANDER (MAC) MACWILLIAM, Vero Beach hotel and restaurant owner, was born May 25, 1891 in Scotland, moved to Florida in 1919, and has been a resident of Vero Beach since that year. He finished high school in Cleveland, Ohio. He was mayor of Vero Beach for 18 years, city councilman for 2 years, and represented Indian River County in the 1933, 1945 and 1947 sessions of the legislature. He is a veteran of World War I, enlisting in 1917 with 80th Division, 313th Machine Gun Bn. of the AEF and being promoted through the ranks from Private to 1st Lieutenant, holds D.S.C., Purple Heart and Silver Star, member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Order of the Purple Heart, past Commander of American Legion; a director of the Chamber of Commerce and past president of Florida Mosquito Control Association. In private life, his hobby is fishing, and in public life it is good government. Representative MacWilliam's foremost interests in the legislature are public health, schools, good roads, mosquito control, tax revision, co-education, revision of Constitution, hospitals and institutions. He is married.

Jackson County — WALTER AVANT (PETE) SMITH, Marianna lawyer, was born in Savannah, Georgia August 18, 1905 but moved to Florida at an early age and was educated in the public schools of Jackson County, University of Florida and Cumberland University. He began the practice of law in 1931, and has served as Municipal Judge of Marianna. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and Elks Club; is marired and has one daughter and two sons.

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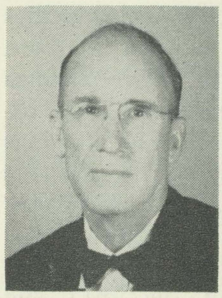
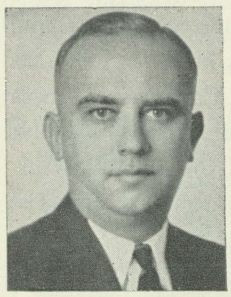
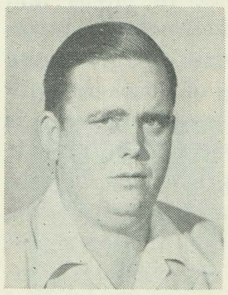


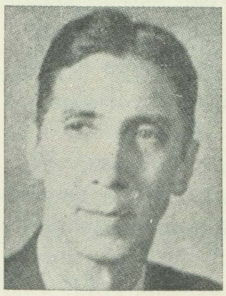
Jackson County — WANKARD POOSER, Marianna farmer, housemover, newspaperman and self styled politician, jack-of-all-trades and graduate of the school of experience, was born at DeFuniak Springs September 27, 1893 and educated in the public schools. Mr. Pooser says he has to work too hard for a living to have time for hobbies and his main legislative interests are to "curb the growing tendency toward dictatorship in American Government, and to put some brakes on run-a-way taxes."



Jefferson County — RICHARD HENRY (DICK) SIMPSON, Monticello nurseryman, was born January 9, 1905 in Chicago, Ill., moved to Florida in 1911 at age 6, and has resided in Monticello since that time. He attended the public schools of Florida, Georgia Military Academy, Purdue University and the University of Florida, and he holds a B.S. A. degree. He was Monticello's mayor from 1935 to 1944, has served in the Legislature since 1939, was Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1943 and chairman of the rules committee twice. In 1947 he was chairman of the Committee on Appropriations. He is a former chairman of American Red Cross chapter, was president Florida Seedman's Association in 1945, is past president of Southeastern Pecan Growers Association, past president of Monticello Kiwanis Club and was governor of Florida Kiwanis Clubs in 1944. Representative Simpson's chief interest in private life is hunting. In public life he is interested in schools, agriculture and state finance. He was voted most valuable member of the 1945 and 1947 Legislatures. He married the former Miss Dorothy Conrad of DeLand.



Lafayette County — DUFFIN LANCASTER, Mayo insurance man, was born in Mayo March 14, 1920 and attended the public schools of Lafayette County. He studied at the University of Florida and served in the Army in 1938 and 1939. He is a Baptist.



Lake County — TIM MARLEY SELLAR, Leesburg attorney, was born January 9, 1898 in Paris, Ill., moved to Florida in 1920, and has lived in Leesburg since 1925. He attended the public schools of Paris, Ill., and Hollywood, Calif., received an A.B. degree from De Pauw University at Greencastle, Ind., and attended the law schools of Northwestern and Harvard Universities. He was school trustee at Leesburg for 4 years and is advisor to the Draft Board. He is a member of the Rotary Club,

American Legion, Florida Bar Association, and a war veteran, having served during World War I and as reserve officer from 1927 to 1937, served in the House during 1945 and 1947 sessions. Representative Sellar, in private life, is a collector of rare books, prints, etchings, legal instruments, etc. In public life, he is especially interested in schools, school teachers' salaries, and tax equalization. He is married and has two children.

Lake County—H. H. HETHCOX, Umatilla farmer, was born April 17, 1895 at Paisley, Fla. He served 10 years on the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, past president of County Commissioners Association, member of City Council of Umatilla 12 years; served as school trustee for 12 years; elected to House in 1946 and served during 1947 session. He is a Methodist and member of the Elks and Kiwanis. He is a veteran of World War I. He is married and has 4 children, one son, a veteran of World War II.

Lee County—SCOTT HOUGH, of Ft. Myers, life underwriter, was born November 21, 1898, at Homestead, Penn., and came to Florida in September of 1925 at the age of 26. He has lived at Ft. Myers since that date. He attended the University of West Virginia and the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, graduating with A.B. degree. He is a Presbyterian, a Mason, a member and past Exalted Ruler of the Elks, a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity and a director of the local chapter of Infantile Paralysis Foundation. Past record includes service in the Navy in World War I and Coast Guard Reserve in World War II, three terms as City Councilman in Ft. Myers and Skipper of the Ft. Myers Sea Scouts; member of House during 1947 session. Representative Hough married Hester Van Metre of Martinsburg, W. Va. and they have a daughter and two sons.

Lee County—NORWOOD B. STRAYHORN, Ft. Myers attorney, was born November 22, 1911, at Labelle, Florida. He graduated from the University of Florida with LL.B. degree. He was a member of the Torpedo Plane Squadron aboard the U. S. S. "Wasp." He served in the 1947 Legislature. Representative Strayhorn married the former Miss Olive Haney of New Smyrna Beach and they have two children.

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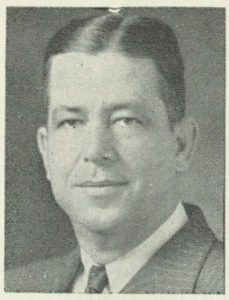
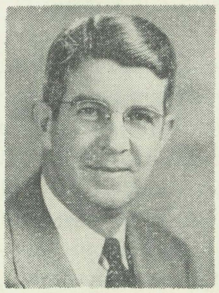
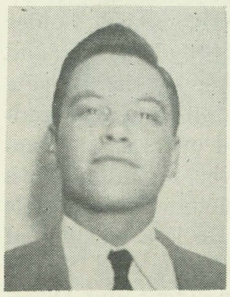


Leon County—WILSON CARRAWAY, Tallahassee soft drink bottler, was born in Tallahassee October 16, 1904, and has lived there all his life. He attended the public schools of Tallahassee and received a B.S. degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a past president of the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce and of the Rotary Club; member of the House during 1947 session. Representative Carraway's hobby is hunting. He married the former Miss Caroline Lively and they have one son and one daughter.



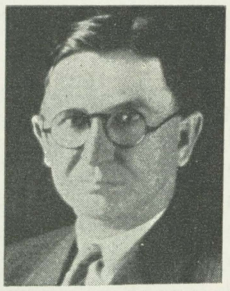
Leon County — JOHN WARD HENDERSON, Tallahassee attorney and former City Judge, was born in the Capital City April 30, 1909 and completed his public schooling there. After earning an A.B. degree at the University of Florida in 1932 he studied one year at the University of Virginia before returning to the University of Florida where he received his LL.B. degree in 1936. Mr. Henderson served with the Navy in World War II, entering in 1942 as Lieutenant J.G. Before being released with a rank of Lieutenant in 1946, he served one year on Gulf Sea Frontier, 6 months general service in the United States and two years with the Naval Air Forces in the Pacific. He is a member and past president of the Exchange Club and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and Elks. His hobbies are hunting and fishing and public interests are in city, county and state government activities, and schools, highways and farming. He married Annie Belle Anthony of Jacksonville and they have three daughters.

Levy County—DEWEY D. ALLEN, sawmill operator of Inglis, was born December 6, 1898 at Lecanto and was educated in the public schools of Citrus County. He was engaged in the automobile business at Inglis for many years. His public service includes a term as School Trustee from 1932 to 1935, County Commissioner in 1937 and 1938 and service in the 1941 Legislature. He is a member of the Church of Christ, is married and has two daughters and one son. He is an ardent supporter of good roads.

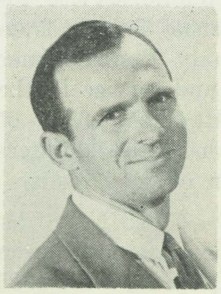


Liberty County—GLENN SUMMERS, World War II veteran from Bristol, was born February 19, 1925 and attended the public schools in Liberty County. He entered the Navy in 1943 and was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Quartermaster, 2nd class. He is now attending the University of Florida and is a member of the Delta Theta fraternity, and is State Democratic Committeeman from Liberty County.

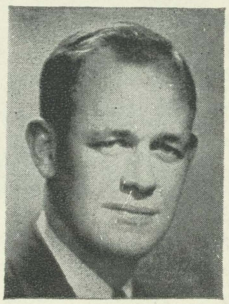
Madison County—T. C. MERCHANT, JR., lawyer and newspaperman, was born in Madison on April 2, 1916. He was educated in the public schools of Madison and at the University of Florida where he received A.B. and LL.B. degrees. He also attended Harvard where he received an M.B.A. degree. He is a veteran of World War II, having served 32 months in the Army which he entered as a private and left as a Second Lieutenant. His election in 1948 is Representative Merchant's first venture into the political world. He married the former Shirley Anthony of Greenville, South Carolina and they have two daughters, Shirley Adele and Mae.



Manatee County—J. BEN FUQUA, Palmetto lawyer, was born September 26, 1879 in McEwen, Tenn., moved to Florida in 1925 and has resided in Palmetto since that year. He attended the public schools of Tennessee and received his LL.B. degree from Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn. He was Manatee County attorney for 7 years, Palmetto city attorney for 9 years, and is now attorney for the Board of County Commissioners. He served in Tennessee legislature in 1903 and 1905, and in Florida legislature in 1943, 1945 and 1947. He is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Shrine, the Methodist Church, Elks Club and Bradenton Kiwanis Club. Representative Fuqua is a collector of pictures of the Confederate officers and Civil War battle scenes and has approximately 700 framed pictures, said to be the only collection of its kind. His foremost interests in public life are State finances, post-war development, and prosperity for the whole State. He married the former Miss Hallie Henslee of McEwen and they have four children; Ben H. of Miami, Dr. Joe B. of Sarasota, Don C. and Nelda of Palmetto.

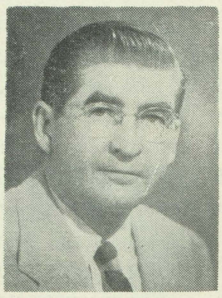


Manatee County—JOSEPH WILLIAM (JOE BILL) ROOD, Bradenton oil distributor, was born March 22, 1920 in Bradenton. He was educated in Manatee County Schools and the University of Florida from which he was graduated in 1941 with a B.A. degree. While a student at the University he was a member of the swimming team and SEC record holder for the 220 and 440 yd. events and captain of the team in 1941; a member of the Florida Blue Key and SAE fraternity. Immediately after graduation he entered the Army and served overseas as Company Commander in a Tank Destroyer Battalion with the Third Army. His decorations include five Battle Stars, Purple Heart and Silver Star. He is a member of the American Legion, Kiwanis, and Junior and Senior Chambers of Commerce; is past vice-president and Director of Junior Chamber and present Director of Senior Chamber of Commerce, past Post Commander of local Legion Post; a member of the Presbyterian Church. Representative Rood's hobby is golf and he is not married.

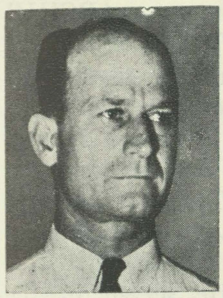


Marion County—C. FARRIS BRYANT, Ocala attorney, was born July 26, 1914 at Ocala. He attended Ocala schools, Emory University, University of Florida, and Harvard University, graduating with B.S. and LL.B. degrees. He is president of the Ocala Rotary Club, Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club, District Lay Leader of the Methodist Church, State Vice-President of the Florida Junior Chamber of Commerce, District Chairman of Boy Scouts of America, Director of Ocala Junior and Marion County Chambers of Commerce. He is a veteran of World War II, having served as Lieutenant in the Navy, a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; member of the House during 1947 session. His chief interest in the Legislature is revision of the tax program. He is married and has two children.

Marion County — MARCUS FRANK, Ocala merchant, was born July 25, 1883 at Middletown, Conn., but his parents moved to Augusta, Georgia the same year, to West Palm Beach in 1893 and to Miami in 1896. His father's death in 1896 ended his schooling which was obtained in a one-room Emanuel County, Georgia school, the first school to be built in West Palm Beach and the first school to be built in Miami. He has been engaged in the mercantile business in Ocala since moving there in 1900. He is a member of the Hebrew Church, the Chamber of Commerce, the Marion County Farm Bureau, the Lions Club and is a Mason and a Shriner. For twelve years he was a member of the Ocala City Council, and in 1939 served as Representative from Marion County. His platform evidenced strong opposition to a sales tax, interest in education and sympathy for farmers. He is married and has two daughters.



Martin County—GEORGE KEITH, poultry farmer and operator of a dry cleaning plant in Stuart, was born February 19, 1904 at Gay, Georgia, studied business administration at Georgia Tech 3½ years and worked 10 years as sales manager of the Coca-cola Bottling Company. He moved from New York City to Martin County in 1937 and is a Baptist, Democrat, Mason and member of the Chamber of Commerce, Sailfish Club and Kiwanis, serving presently as Lieutenant Governor of the 8th Florida Division. Representative Keith's hobby is fishing and his legislative interests center in Flood Control, Conservation of Water and Natural Resources and Schools. He married Mary Frances Pittman of Atlanta, September 14, 1928, and they have three children; Charlene, 19; Claudene, 14; and George, Jr., 9.

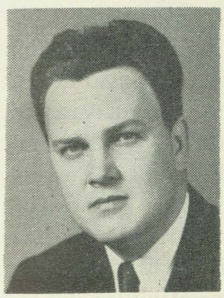


Monroe County—BERNIE C. PAPY, Key West merchant and broker, was born in 1902 in Key West and has lived there all his life. He attended the public schools of Key West. Representative Papy served in the legislature in 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945 and 1947. He is married.

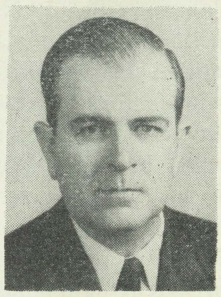
Nassau County—LEONARD AUGUSTUS (SKIN) McKENDREE, Fernandina railroad clerk, was born August 3, 1916 in Ceylon, Ga., moved to Florida in 1921 at age 5, and has resided in Fernandina since that year. He attended the Nassau County public schools. Representative McKendree is a Mason and served in the legislature in 1943, 1945 and 1947. His hobby is baseball. He married the former Miss Joyce Davis of Hilliard, Fla., and they have one daughter.

Okaloosa County — JAMES H. WISE, Crestview farmer, cattleman and rural mail carrier, was born July 15, 1912 at Abbeville, Alabama but moved to Florida at an early age and was educated in the public schools of Walton County. He is president of the City Council of Crestview, a member of the Presbyterian Church, Masons, Shrine and W.O.W. He is married and the father of two daughters and one son.

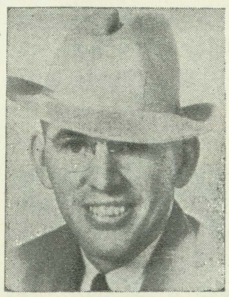
Okeechobee County — WILLIAM JENNINGS (BILL) HENDRY, Okeechobee fish dealer-cattleman, was born in Arcadia on October 5, 1899. He attended high school in Moore Haven. He was mayor of Okeechobee from 1936 to 1940, and has been serving in the legislature since 1941. He is a past commander of Knights Templar, High Priest of Royal Arch Masons, Master of Masonic Lodge, Patron of Order of Eastern Star, is a member of Egypt Temple Shrine and of the Rotary Club. Representative Hendry's hobby in private life is gardening. In public life, he is interested in water conservation and school teachers salaries. He is married and has one child.



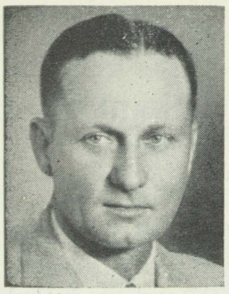
Orange County—BURTON THORNAL, Orlando insurance man, was born in Charleston, S. C. June 23, 1917 and moved to Orlando in 1922. He attended the Orlando public schools and the Unversity of Florida. Representative Thornal is a veteran and a member of the Amvets and American Legion, a Trustee of the Broadway Methodist Church in Orlando, a past president of the Orlando Junior Chamber of Commerce and past treasurer of the State Jaycees.



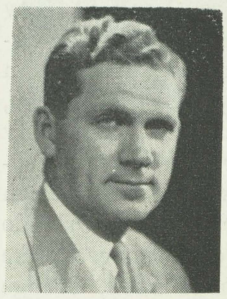
Orange County — CHARLES O. ANDREWS, JR., Orlando Attorney and son of the late U. S. Senator, was born October 11, 1910 at Tallahassee, attended the Orange County public schools, Porter Military Academy of Charles, S. C., and graduated from Orlando High School in 1929. At the University of Florida he joined the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, was elected to the Blue Key honorary fraternity and served as Editor of the Seminole (University Annual) in 1933. Since graduating with an LL.B. degree in 1934 he has practiced in Orlando under firm names of C. O. Andrews and Son, DeVane, Andrews and Patterson and Andrews and Patterson. In addition he is a partner in the Andrews-Benson Cattle Company of Zellwood and Director of the Citizens National Bank of Orlando. Representative Andrews' past public record includes service as Assistant City Solicitor for Orlando in 1936 and 1937 and City Commissioner of Winter Park, 1946-47. He is a Presbyterian and member of the following organizations, American, State and Orange County Bar Associations, University of Florida Alumni Association, the Farm Bureau Federation, the YMCA, and the Sportsman's Association of Orange County; the State, Greater Orlando, Orlando Junior and Winter Park Chambers of Commerce; the University Clubs of Orlando and Winter Park, Orange Memorial Hospital Association, Winter Park Kiwanis Club (past president), Community Welfare Planning Council (past president), Orlando Community Chest, Inc. (first vice-president); Orange County Mental Health Society (Chairman, Executive Committee), State Conference of Social Work (vice-president); and Executive and Home Service Committee, Orange County Chapter of Red Cross. He married Mathilde (Mitzi) Mizener of Winter Park in 1938 and they have two children, Charles O., III, 6, and David W., 4.



Osceola County — IRLO BRONSON, Kissimmee cattleman, was born August 3, 1900 in Kissimmee and has lived there all his life. He attended the public schools of Kissimmee and Rollins College at Winter Park. He is director of the First National Bank at Kissimmee, president of the Florida State Cattleman's Association, member of the Executive Committee of the National Livestock Association, director of the Kissimmee Livestock Market, and served in the legislature in 1943, 1945 and 1947. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and of the Methodist Church board of stewards. Representative Bronson's hobbies in private life are hunting and football. He is married and has two children.

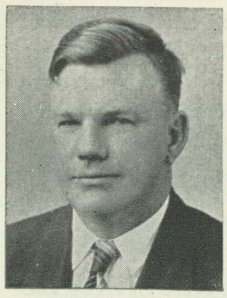


Palm Beach County—ELMER B. (SLIM) ELLIOTT, Pahokee automobile dealer-cattle raiser, was born, March 13, 1902 in Bell Fallo, Tex., moved to Florida in 1921 at age 19 and has lived in Pahokee since 1922. He was educated in the public schools of Texas and Tennessee. He was Pahokee city commissioner for 2 years and served as commission chairman for 1 year. He has an honorary life membership in the Elks, in which he has served three terms as Exalted Ruler of the local Lodge and one term as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, is past president of Chamber of Commerce, president of Young Democrats, president of Rotary Club, is a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Methodist Church, served in 1945 and 1947 sessions of legislature. Representative Elliott's hobby in private life is raising good horses. He married the former Miss Velva Parker of Lakeland and they have four children.



Palm Beach County — JOHN ELIGA BOLLINGER, lawyer and 24-year resident of West Palm Beach, was born August 15, 1903 in Cochran, Ga., educated in Cochran High School, Mercer University and Cumberland University, receiving from the latter his LL.B. degree. He represented Palm Beach County in the 1943 and 1945 legislative sessions and was returned to this session without opposition. Mr. Bollinger is a Democrat, a Baptist and a member of the Exchange Club, Blue Key Honorary fraternity, W.O.W., Old Fellows and Elks Club. Special legislative interests are in passage of Flood Control and Water Conservation measures on which he feels the economy of the state depends, and other measures to encourage agricultural development, public health and recreational facilities for tourists. He was married in Cochran, Ga., October 4, 1923 and has five children: Elizabeth Bollinger Albertson, 24; Jeanne 22; John E., Jr., 21; William Anthony, 7½, and Stephen, 6.

Pasco County—GEORGE CHEEK DAYTON, Dade City attorney, was born October 30, 1911, at Dade City, Florida. He was educated in the Pasco County public schools and attended the University of Florida law school and Mercer University, graduating with A.B. degree. He was city attorney for Dade City and Zephyrhills. He is a veteran of World War II in which he served as lieutenant in the Navy; elected to the House in 1946, and served during 1947 session. His main interests in the legislature are schools, and the problems of post war adjustment. His hobby is music. Representative Dayton is married and has no children.

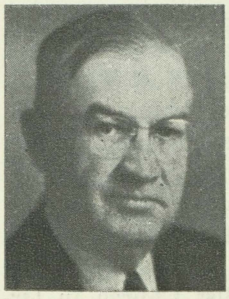


Pinellas County — ARCHIE (RED) CLEMENT, Tarpon Springs attorney, was born June 15, 1902 at Camden, Tenn., moved to Florida in 1925 and has lived in Tarpon Springs since that year. He attended the public schools of Tennessee, and received his A.B. and LL.B. degrees from the Cumberland University of Lebanon, Tenn. He served in the 1937, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945 and 1947 sessions of legislature, was president of the Rotary Club, and has held the position of school trustee 6 years and of city attorney 16 years. His chief interest is welfare of children and old people, and his hobbies are fishing and bird hunting. Representative Clement is married and has two sons, one a veteran of World War II.

Pinellas County — CHARLES J. SCHUH, St. Petersburg lawyer, was born May 20, 1913. He has been a resident of Pinellas County since 1925 and attended the public schools of Pinellas County. He received his law degree from the Univeristy of Florida in 1937 and has practiced law in St. Petersburg since that year. He is a memebr of the Bar Association, Junior Chamber of Commerce and fraternal organizations; served in 1947 session of the legislature. He is a veteran of World War II, is married and has three sons.

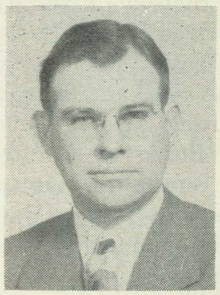
Pinellas County—JAMES ALEXANDER (JIM) McCLURE, St. Petersburg lawyer, was born August 4, 1912, at Petersburg, Va. He attended St. Petersburg public schools and was graduated from Washington and Lee University with A.B. and LL.B. degrees. He served as an Attache in the 1939 legislature and a member of the House during the 1947 session. He is a veteran, Coast Guard service in World War II. His chief interests in the legislature are taxes and municipalities. Representative McClure is married and has three children.

Polk County—PERRY E. MURRAY, Speaker for the 1949 Session. See picture and biography at the beginning of this feature.



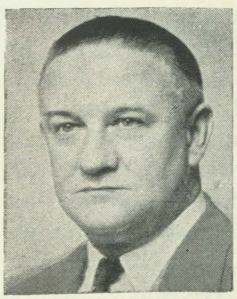
Polk County — LISLE WERTMAN SMITH, banker and fruit grower, was born in Seward, Nebraska, attended University of Nebraska at Lincoln and moved to Haines City in 1910 where he has resided since. He served in the legislative sessions of 1943, 1945 and 1947 and was reelected in 1948 without opposition. Mr. Smith is active president of the State Bank of Haines City, president of the Haines City Citrus Growers Association, past State

Commander of the American Leigon and Forty and Eight and member of the Elks, Masons, Shrine and Legion. His main interest in legislature is fruit, banking and economy of government.



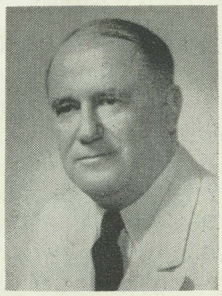
Polk County — ALBERT ROY SURLES, JR., was born in Bainbridge, Georgia April 3, 1914 and was educated in the public schools of Lakeland and Cumberland University, from which he received an LL.B. degree in 1938. He was Secretary to Congressman Peterson in 1939-1940, and during 1941 he served as City Attorney for Auburndale, where he also engaged in private practice. During the war he served with the navy in the U. S. and Pacific theaters and held the rank of Lt. Commander. After release in 1945 he resumed practice of law, this time in Lakeland, which city he served as Attorney in 1947. Representative Surles is married, and is affiliated with the Church of Christ, Lions Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Polk County Sportsmen's Club, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Putnam County—THOMAS BUTLER (TOM) DOWDA, Palatka lawyer, was born September 23, 1898 in Smyrna, Ga., moved to Florida in 1905 at age 7, and has resided in Palatka since 1916. He attended the public schools of Putnam County and was graduated from Stetson University at DeLand with an LL.B. degree. He served in the 1943, 1945 and 1947 sessions of legislature, and has held the positions of justice of peace and attorney for various towns, and attorney for the board of public instruction. He is a member of K. of P., I.O.O.F., Elks, American Legion, Rotary, F. & A. M., Royal Arch, Knights Templar, Shrine, and past president of Shrine Club. He was R.O.T.C. Captain and served as a Private in World War 1. His hobbies are hunting and fishing, and he is interested in better government. Representative Dowda's principal interests in the legislature are sound tax economy, consolidation and over-all budgeting of State moneys and relief to towns. He is married and has one child.



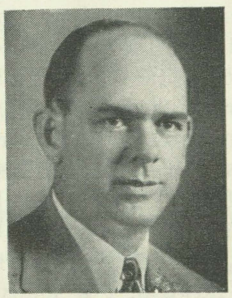
St. Johns County—CHARLES EDWIN (SHEP) SHEPPERD, St. Augustine printing plant manager. was born November 2, 1894 at Covington, Ky., moved to St. Augustine in 1924 and has lived there since that time. He attended the public schools of Kentucky and Transylvania University. He is a member of B.P.O.E., and Kiwanis; served in 1945 and 1947 sessions as a member of the House. He is interested in advertising community and State, strengthening the education system and economy in government. He is married and has one daughter.

St. Johns County—FREDERICK CHARLES USINA, St. Augustine alligator farm operator, was born June 13, 1903, at St. Augustine and attended the St. Augustine public schools. He served as a Representative in the legislature in 1943 and 1947. He is Lieutenant Governor and president of the Kiwanis Club, president of the St. Augustine Junior Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Chamber of Commerce board of directors. His main interests in the legislature are the tax issue and aid to schools. Representative Usina's hobbies are fishing, hunting and golf. He is married and has two children.



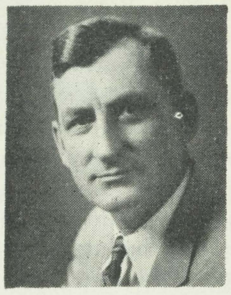
St. Lucie County—D. H. (BANTY) SAUNDERS, wholesale lumber dealer of Ft. Pierce, was born in Fairport, Michigan, July 16, 1890, but moved to Ft. Pierce at an early age and was educated in the St. Lucie County Schools. Representative Saunders was a member of the 1945 and 1947 sessions of the legislature, has held the local offices of school trustee, Justice of the Peace in the County, and City Commissioner of Ft. Pierce. He is a Lay-Reader of the Episcopal Church, a member of the Masons, Knights Templar and Shrine. Representative Saunders is married to the former Emma V. Hall of Seville, Fla.

Santa Rosa County—WOODROW M. MELVIN, Milton attorney, was born December 16, 1912, at Milton, Florida. He was educated in the public schools of Santa Rosa County and attended Cumberland University and was graduated with LL.B. degree. He was mayor of Milton for 4 years, assistant attorney general at Tallahassee, and prosecuting attorney for 2 years at Milton; member of the House during 1947 session. He is past president of the Kiwanis Club. His main interests in the legislature are education and the removal of tax from gasoline for non-highway machinery. Representative Melvin's hobbies are hunting and fishing. He is married and has three children.

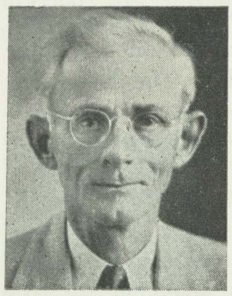


Sarasota County—GERARD BURDICK (JERRY) COLLINS, Sarasota automobile dealer, was born December 1, 1907 at Danville, Vt., moved to Florida in 1916 and has resided in Sarasota since 1926. He attended the St. Petersburg public schools. His previous experience in the Legislature covers the sessions of 1943, 1945 and 1947. He is past president of the Exchange Club, vice president Young Democrats, chairman Red Cross first aid, and member executive board Red Cross. Tarpon

fishing and golf are his hobbies. Representative Collins' foremost interests in the legislature are schools, reorganization, Constitutional revision, central purchasing and economy. He is married and has two children.

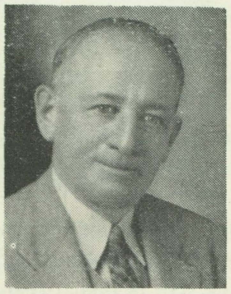


Sarasota County—JAMES ANDREW HALEY of Sarasota, former circus head, was born in Calhoun County, Alabama January 4, 1899, and was educated in the Alabama public schools and the University of Alabama. He is a member of the Methodist Church, American Legion, 40 and 8, Masons, Elks, Chamber of Commerce, Sarasota Yacht Club, Sun and Surf Club, and veteran of World War I. He is married and was formerly president of the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus.



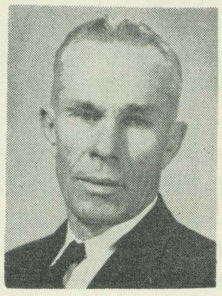
Seminole County—MARION BARTOW (T-BONE) SMITH, Sanford farmer, was born October 4, 1879 at Oglethorpe, Ga., moved to Sanford in 1922 and has lived there since that time. He received his education in public schools of Macon County, Ga. He served in the 1943, 1945 and 1947 legislatures, and is a member of Masonic order, Elks, Shrine. His hobbies are hunting and fishing, and he is interested in civic betterment throughout Seminole County. Representative Smith's chief interests in the legislature are economy, providing for educational needs, good roads and veterans. He is married.

Seminole County—JAMES BRAILEY ODHAM, Sanford oil distributor and automobile dealer, was born September 6, 1919 in Brunswick, Ga. He attended Seminole County schools and was graduated from Louisiana College with an A.B. degree. He is local president and state vice-president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Commander of Seminole County Post 3282 Veterans of Foreign Wars, member of the American Legion and Kiwanis Club, and is a Baptist. He is married and has one daughter named Elizabeth who is one and one-half years old.

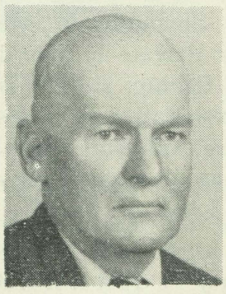


Sumter County—JOHN V. MONAHAN, Wildwood newspaperman and former hotel operator, was born in New Lexington, Ohio, July 11, 1889 and attended Ohio public schools and Ohio State University. Before coming to Florida he was president of the Ohio Hotel Men's Association and is now a member of the Florida Hotel Men's Association, having operated the Enchantment Inn at New Port Richey and the Floridan Hotel at Wildwood. For many years he has been identified with the newspaper business as editor and owner of the Wildwood News and Sumter County Times. He is an Elk, is married and the father of two children.

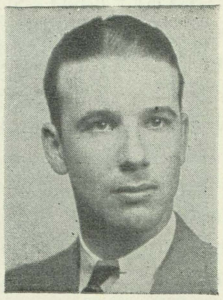
Suwannee County—WM. RANDALL SLAUGHTER, Live Oak lawyer, was born in Newberry December 28, 1914, attended Florida public schools and Stetson University from which he received his LL.B. degree in 1939. He began practice in Live Oak the same year and is now serving as Prosecuting Attorney and Attorney for the Board of County Commissioners for Suwannee County. Past president Live Oak Rotary Club, past Master Barrett Lodge No. 43 F.&A.M., an Elk, Mason, Shriner, and member of the Florida Bar Association, County Attorney's Association, Chamber of Commerce, and other civic bodies. Spends spare time fishing and hunting. He married Dorothy Evalyn Patterson of Daytona Beach and they have one son.



Taylor County—GUS J. DEKLE, automobile dealer, farmer and timberland owner of Perry, was born May 22, 1892 at Tarpon Springs (which was then in Hillsborough County) and moved to Tampa in 1903 where he attended public schools until 1912 when he moved to Mayo. In 1927 he moved to Perry where he has since lived. He served in the legislature in 1947, on the City Council of Mayo three terms, the City Council of Perry six years, and during the last war was Chairman of the Civilian Defense Council and Commander of Flotilla No. 1, 6th Division of the 7th Naval District. Representative Dekle is a member of the Baptist Church, the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, Masons, the Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine. He married Lucile Culpepper, daughter of the late Judge J. O. Culpepper, and they have three daughters, aged 11, 9 and 7 years.



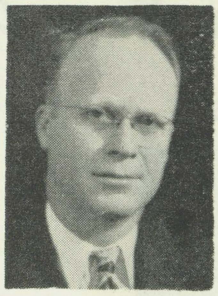
Union County—M. J. SAPP, Lake Butler farmer and former railroad man, was born at New River in Bradford County August 20, 1880. He was employed by the Southern Railroad for twenty years, is married and the father of four daughters and one son.



Volusia County—THOMAS TRACY COBB, Daytona Beach attorney, was born November 13, 1916, in Washington, D. C. He came to Florida in 1926, at the age of 9, and has lived at Daytona Beach for 22 years. He was educated in the Daytona Beach public schools and received his LL.B. from Stetson University. He is a veteran of World War II, in which he served as Ensign in the Navy; member of House of Representatives for the 1947 session. He is married and has three children.

Volusia County—JAMES H. SWEENEY, JR., lawyer of DeLand, was born September 23, 1905 at Port Jervis, N. Y. and attended the Orange County public schools in that state. After taking pre-law at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., he studied civil engineering at Cornell University two years before completing his legal training at Stetson University, from which he graduated in 1931. He is an Elk, a Moose, Director of the DeLand Baseball Association, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, and Vice President of the Volusia County Bar Association. On July 7, 1934 he married Alleyn Smith of St. Augustine and they have two sons, the older, 13, being also named James H., and Thomas Francis, 7.

Wakulla County — GEORGE NESMITH, commercial fisherman, was born August 25, 1904 in the town of Wakulla and was educated in the county schools. He is a member of the Methodist Church and Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce. He was formerly engaged in the saw milling and timber business for many year. He was elected to the Legislature in 1942 and served during 1943 and 1945 sessions. He is married.



Walton County — THOMAS DeKALB (RED) BEASLEY, DeFuniak Springs attorney, dairyman, and farmer, was born August 16, 1905 at Clayton, Ala., and came to Florida in 1925 to make his home of DeFuniak Springs. He attended high school at Clayton and University of Alabama and Cumberland University from which he holds the LL.B. degree. He has been Prosecutor for Walton County since 1939 and was a member of the House of Representatives from that County in the 1939, 1943, 1945 and 1947 legislatures, serving as Speaker of the House during the 1947 session. In private life his hobbies are hunting and fishing. In public life his chief interests are post-war problems and employment for veterans.

Washington County — AMOS HUDSON, World War 11 veteran of Chipley, was born in Wausau October 6, 1918 and attended the public schools of Washington County. After serving five years in the Army and being discharged with the rank of Warrant Officer in 1946, he entered the University of Florida where he has almost completed study required for a degree. He is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Junior Chamber of Commerce.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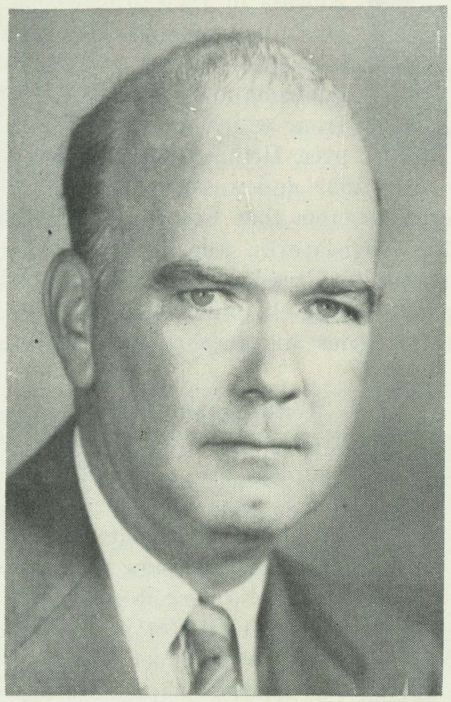

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Secretary of the Senate Robert W. Davis of Tallahassee, was born October 30, 1906 in Tampa and moved to Gainesville at an early age. He attended the public schools of Gainesville, St. Leo College, and Cumberland University. He was assistant Bill Secretary of the Senate in 1927 and has been Secretary of the Senate since 1929. Mr. Davis was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1928 and practiced law several years before becoming the first Director of Workmen's Compensation Division of the Florida Industrial Commission; he later became Deputy Insurance Commissioner of Florida. He served in the Navy, World War II, is a member of the Florida State and Tallahassee Bar Associations, Elks, American Legion, and S.A.E. Fraternity. His hobby is fishing. He married the former Miss Carol Bridges of Tallahassee and they have one son, Robert W. Davis, III.

**MRS. LAMAR BLEDSOE**

**CLERK OF THE HOUSE**
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BLEDSOE, Lamar (Mrs.), is the daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Joseph P. Hickey of Apalachicola. She attended school in Apalachicola, Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Quebec, Canada, and also the Florida State College for Women. She is Office Manager of the Florida State Advertising Commission. A twelve-year resident of Tallahassee, Mrs. Bledsoe has served in the office of the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives since the special session of 1931. During this time, she has held the position of Assistant Chief Clerk several times, and was Chief Clerk of the House for the 1945 and 1947 sessions. She is a member of the Tallahassee Altrusa Club and Apalachicola Chapter of the United Daughters of Confederacy, and is a member of the Catholic Church. She has two married daughters, Mrs. L. A. Kavanaugh of Atlanta, Georgia, and Mrs. Larry Voorhies of Tampa.


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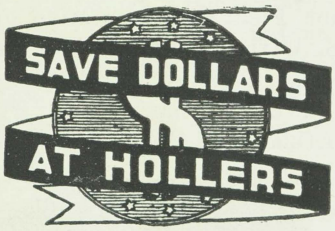


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# State Improvement Commission Appointees

Governor Warren last month named the three appointive members of the State Improvement Commission, on which the Governor and the Chairman of the Road Department serve as ex-officio members, and the Board selected its Secretary-Director and Director of Aviation to serve under the Warren Administration.

The new members are: J. A. B. Broadwater, Jacksonville industrialist, Dodge Taylor, Howey-in-the-Hills citrus grower, and Joe N. Morris, Miami attorney and hotel owner. The resigned Caldwell appointee they replace, whose terms would have expired in June, are, respectively: George W. Gibbs, Jacksonville shipyard operator, R. L. Bannerman, Tallahassee road contractor and material supply man, and H. H. Baskin, Clearwater attorney and former Road Department Secretary.

At its organization meeting the Board selected Dodge Taylor as Chairman and Alfred A. McKethan, Chairman of the Road Department, as Vice-Chairman. Walter E. Keyes, former Field Representative of the U. S. Office of Education was selected as Secretary-Director, replacing C. H. Overman, West Florida lumberman, and Waldron F. (Wally) Schanz, charter plane operator of Howey-in-the-Hills, was appointed Aviation Supervisor, succeeding William C. Lazarus of Orlando.

Members of the Improvement Commission Board serve without pay except for expenses. The Commission was created for the purpose of planning and facilitating the construction, maintenance and operation of self-liquidating public works and buildings and to serve as the state agency for aviation and navigation.

Road building programs in thirteen counties financed by $8,400,000 of State Improvement Commission revenue certificates pledging surplus gas tax, and the new Caldwell Building housing the Industrial Commission, are examples of public projects facilitated by the Commission.

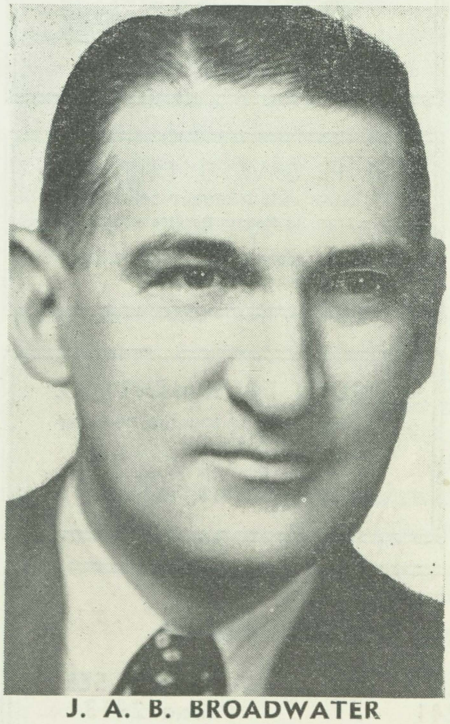
J. A. B. Broadwater was born in Edgefield, South Carolina, on December 16, 1896, and attended elementary school and high school in Augusta, Georgia. From 1909 to 1917 he was employed in the accounting department of the Georgia Railroad, resigning for military service in World War I.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the United States Army in 1919, Broadwater entered the accounting profession in Savannah, Georgia, with Neville, McIver and Barnes. In 1921 he was transferred to the firm's New York office, and in 1923 came to Florida to enter the firm's Tampa office. He resigned this position in 1925 to affiliate with a group of New York bankers holding extensive interests in Florida securities.

Ten years later he became treasurer of an automobile distributing company in Tampa, where he remained until 1942 when he resigned to become comptroller of the Tampa Ship Building Company, a firm engaged in a tremendous ship building program involving several hundreds of millions of dollars. In 1946 he became secretary and treasurer of this company.

In October 1948 upon liquidation of the Tampa Ship Building Company, Broadwater moved to Jacksonville where he now resides. He is president of Universal Pipe Lines, Inc., and a director of the Broadway National Bank in Tampa. He is married and has no children.

Dodge Taylor was born in Jackson, Michigan, on January 6, 1902, and was graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, in 1922.



**J. A. B. BROADWATER**
**Member**

**DODGE TAYLOR**
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**JOE N. MORRIS**
**Member**

He came to Florida the following year and has engaged continously in the citrus fruit business since that time. His permanent home is Howey-in-the-Hills, although he maintains an oceanside home at Ponte Verda Beach.

Taylor is Executive Vice President of W. J. Howey Company, growers, shippers and canners, which calls itself "the world's largest citrus development."

Taylor's wife is the former Mary Lane. They have four chidren: Bill, a student at Florida Southern College; Mary Jane, a student at Florida State University; Sue, a student at Sweet Briar College, and Lane, 4.

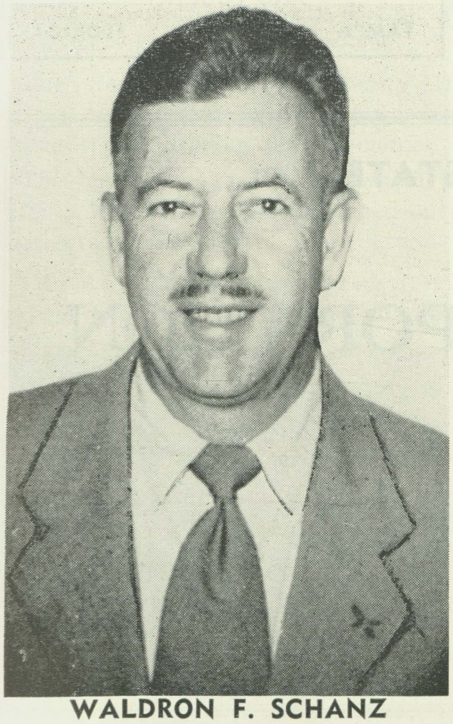
Joe N. Morris was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1893, and started working as an office boy in a New York law firm during school vacations.

In 1910, Morris came to Florida and enrolled in Stetson University. Five years later he was admitted to the Florida Bar and joined an established law firm in Jacksonville. One year later, he opened his own law office there.

Four years later Morris moved to Miami where he has engaged in practice of law ever since, with offices in the Ingraham Building. He is owner of the St. Moritz Hotel in Miami Beach, which he built in 1939.

He and his wife, Lillie, have been married 31 years. They have two married daughters, Catherine, 29, and Dorothy, 27, and four grandchildren.

Morris is a Director of the Miami Industrial Bank; a member of the Florida, Dade County and American Bar Association; 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner, member of the Miami Beach Hotel Owners Association and the Florida Chamber of Commerce.



**WALDRON F. SCHANZ**
**Aviation Supervisor**

Waldron F. (Wally) Schanz, 41-year-old Aviation Supervisor for the Improvement Commission, was born in Los Angeles and returned to California to attend the Hancock Foundation (technical college) at Santa Maria after obtaining his public school education in New York.

His first visit to Florida was in 1926 and the next year he learned to fly at the Hialeah Airways. He has been closely identified with aviation ever since.

Until 1932 he flew only for pleasure, while engaged in the automobile business with his father in New York. That year he obtained his commercial license and took a job as airport manager and chief flight instructor at Basking Ridge near Morristown, New Jersey. From 1938 to 1942 he was engaged in selling and distributing planes, first as sales representative and general sales manager for the Aeronautical Corporation and later through his own company, the Schanz Aircraft Sales, Inc., Atlanta, Ga., which handled Aeronca and Culver aircraft.

Schanz served in naval aviation from 1942 to 1946, entering as a Lieutenant and retiring from active duty with the rank of full Commander. Since 1946 he has operated a charter plane service at Howey-in-the-Hills.

"Wally" was present as a guest or participant at thirteen of the first fourteen All-American Air Maneuvers, and won the 1941 contest flying a Culver Kadet. His flight log shows 8,000 hours and one and one-half million miles with no mishap more serious than a blown tire.

He is married to Edna Connell and they have one son, Ronnie (13), who attained national fame as America's youngest pilot for handling the controls between take-off and landing on a flight with his father between Atlanta and Miami when he was five years old.

A veteran of cross country flying, Schanz is familiar with the entire State and well known to airport operators and pilots. He is extremely optimistic about getting more people to become aviation enthusiasts.

Walter E. Keyes was born in Boston on June 12, 1900 and used his earnings as an apprentice journeyman tool and die maker to attend a succession of colleges and universities. These included Harvard, Boston University, New Hampshire State, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Colorado A & M, Oklahoma A & M and Tulsa University. After 12 years, he received the degrees of bachelor of science in engineering and master of science in administration, both issued by Colorado A & M.

Immediately thereafter, Keyes entered the field of public administration with the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, coordinating personnel services of public schools, state and federal agencies, and commercial and industrial establishments. He resigned in 1938 to join the staff of the Florida State Department of Education. Two years later he joined the staff of the United States office of Education, under the Federal security agency.

From 1943 to 1944 he was "on loan" to the U. S. Civil Service Commission to supervise the nation-wide personnel management improvement program. In this position, he established many contacts with all govern-

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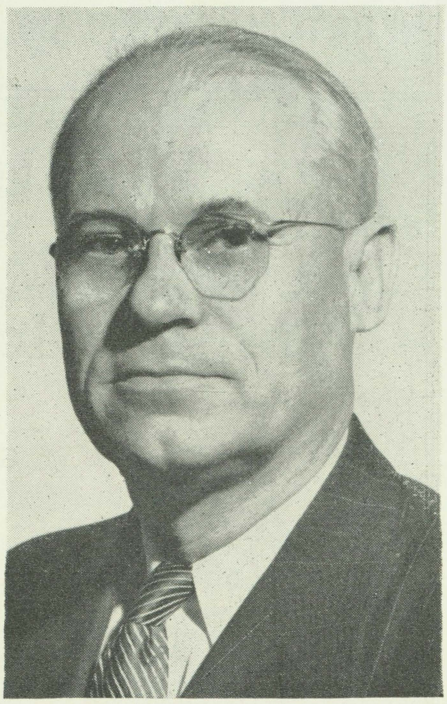

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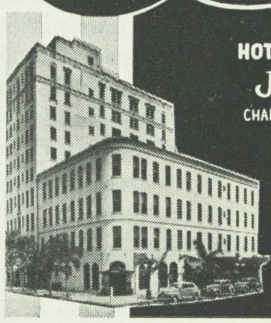

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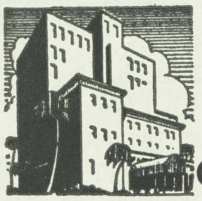

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## STEINHATCHEE RIVER BRIDGE OPENED AND DEDICATED

On February 15, the Steinhatchee River Bridge, connecting State Roads 51 and 351 at Deadman's Bay, was formally opened to traffic and officially dedicated at a ceremony staged by the Steinhatchee Civic Club which was enthusiastically attended by county and state officials and upwards of 2500 citizens from the six surrounding counties.

The program featured speaking, music, ribbon cutting and a picnic dinner.

Ben Lindsey of Perry was master of ceremonies and M. V. Taylor, president of the Civic Club, gave the address of welcome. Other speakers, in the order of appearance, were: K. Griner, of Cross City, former State Senator from the Twelfth District and most influential in getting the bridge; Tom Chaires of Oldtown, veteran politico; State Senator Warren Sanchez of Live Oak; former Senator S. A. Hinley; Fred Green, president of the Suwannee River Valley Association; J. Min Ayers, State Senator and Trenton newspaper publisher; Representative Gus Dekle of Perry, Judge Hal M. Adams, in whose honor the Luraville suspension bridge was named; Alfred A. McKethan, Road Department Chairman, John R. Slade, Division Engineer of the Department; F. Elgin Bayles, former Road Chairman; J. Ed Straughn, Assisttant to Comptroller Gay; George Simpson of Lafayette County; Senator W. Turner Davis, who was scheduled to give the principal address but cut his remarks to a few sentences because, according to the Taylor County News, there had already been so much oratory and, after the ribbon cutting ceremony, Royal C. Dunn, Dixie County Representative.

The new State Highway Engineer, Sam P. Turnbull, and the Assistant State Highway Engineer, Scott Reynolds, along with several others, were introduced from the speakers stand.

The ribbon-cutting honors were shared by the Misses Thelma Ferns of Cross City, Bennie White of Perry and Mary Kate Suggs of Steinhatchee.

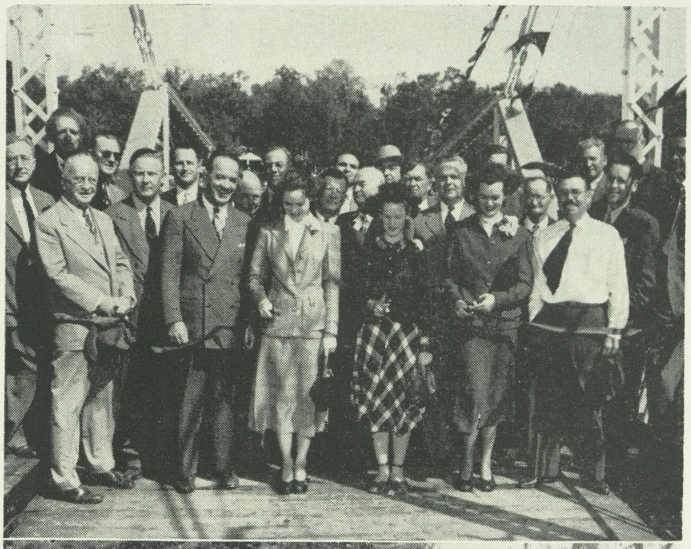
The Perry and Dixie County High School bands opened the program with a parade and furnished music intermittently during the ceremonies.

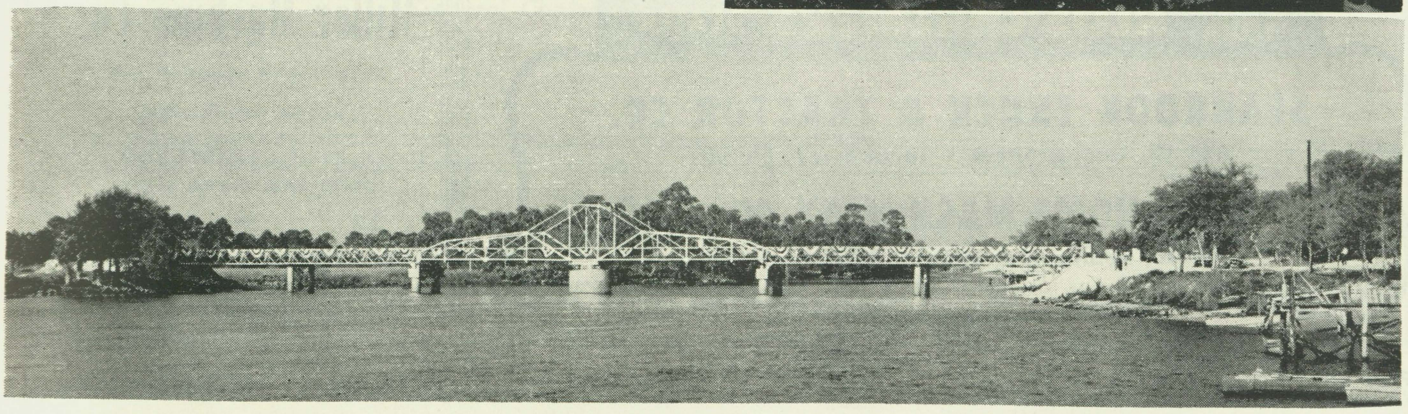
The barbecue and fish fry which followed the ribbon cutting was such as can be staged only by the inimitable residents of the area.

The 326 foot bridge replaces a ferry operated between Steinhatchee in Taylor County and Jena in Dixie County. The two counties contributed $1500 each to help finance the project. It was completed on February 12, just three days before the ceremony.

The substructure work was contracted by the S. F. McKenzie Company for $14,076.50, on April 13, 1948 and started July 26. This construction consisted of driving railroad rails into the rock bottom of the stream bed as a foundation for piers made of concrete-filled and capped metal culverts.

The superstructure was constructed by State forces. It consisted of placing four 50' steel Bailey bridge sections as approach spans and a steel swing span of 126 feet. The Bailey bridge sections were acquired as war surplus from the Federal Government and the swing span which provides a 50 foot channel opening was moved from previous service over the Apalachicola River at Scotts Ferry.





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# 1948 Highway Imposts and Where They Went

Motor Vehicle impost collections for Florida continued to increase in 1948. The total was $64,767,000 against $58,994,000 in 1947, an increase of 9.8 percent. Motor Vehicle license fees reflected the largest proportionate increase, with net 1948 collections of $17,340,000, compared to $15,382,000 for the previous year, a gain of 12.7 percent.

The table below shows the types and amount of motor vehicle impost collections, and the distribution of such funds. The significant facts revealed in the distribution table is the high proportion of collections diverted to non-highway purposes. The only items under the net distribution which may be considered as supporting highways are:

| | |
|---|---|
| County Road & Bridge Bonds | 13.0% |
| Current County Road Use | 1.6% |
| Highway Patrol | 1.7% |
| State Road Department | 43.8% |
| Total | 60.1% |

Collection expense accounted for 4.1% of the total, which leaves 35.8% diverted to non-highway uses. This compared with a national average of 9% diverted if Florida is included, or about 6% for the other 47 states.

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

**STATE MOTOR VEHICLE IMPOSTS COLLECTED AND DISTRIBUTED IN 1948**

| | Gas and Other Motor Fuel Gallonage Tax | Motor Vehicle Licenses | Driver and Chauffeur Licenses | Motor Carrier Fees and Mileage Tax | Gasoline Inspection Tax | Total Motor Vehicle Imposts | Percent of Collections |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL COLLECTIONS | $ 44,501,824 | $ 17,339,621 | $ 1,405,940 | $ 724,978 | $ 794,812 | $ 64,767,175 | 100.0% |
| LESS COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE | | | | | | | |
| County Clerks | | 325,000 | | | | 325,000 | |
| County Judges | | | 178,427 | | | 178,427 | |
| State Comptroller | 47,331 | | | | | 47,331 | |
| Motor Vehicle Department | | 1,615,277 | | | | 1,615,277 | |
| Drivers License Division | | | 86,689 | | | 86,689 | |
| Railroad and Public Utilities Commission | | | | 138,339 | | 138,339 | |
| Agriculture Commissioner | | | | | 242,182 | 242,182 | |
| Total Deducted | $ — 47,331 | $—1,940,277 | $ — 265,116 | $ — 138,339 | $ — 242,182 | $ 2,633,245 | 4.1 |
| NET DISTRIBUTED FOR OTHER PURPOSES | 44,454,493 | 15,399,344 | 1,140,824 | 586,639 | 552,630 | 62,133,930 | 95.9 |
| AGENCIES AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH DISTRIBUTED | | | | | | | |
| Cities and Towns (General Use) | | | | 11,621 | | 11,621 | |
| Counties— | | | | | | | |
| School Fund | 3,166,832 | 14,676,197 | | 8,653 | | 17,851,682 | 27.6 |
| Road and Bridge Debt | 7,911,313 | | | 528,364 | | 8,439,677 | 13.0 |
| Current Road Use | 1,062,301 | | | 3,616 | | 1,065,917 | 1.6 |
| Total for Counties | $ 12,140,446 | $ 14,676,197 | | $ 540,633 | | $ 27,357,276 | 42.2 |
| State Agencies and Purposes | | | | | | | |
| General Revenue Fund | 3,946,871 | 514,577 | $ 34,673 | 19,923 | | 4,516,044 | 7.0 |
| Welfare | | 208,570 | | | | 208,570 | .3 |
| Agriculture Commission—Other Inspections | | | | | $ 552,630 | 552,630 | .0 |
| Department Public Safety—Highway Patrol | | | 1,106,157 | | | 1,106,157 | 1.7 |
| State Road Department | 28,367,176 | | | 14,462 | | 28,381,638[1] | 43.8 |
| Total State | $ 32,314,047 | $ 723,147 | $ 1,140,830 | $ 34,385 | $ 552,630 | $ 34,765,039 | 53.7 |

[1] Includes 4 cent Gas Tax plus Surplus from Board of Administration, less 2% transferred to General Revenue Fund.


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ment agencies, including the military government.

In 1946 Keyes became Florida field representative for the U. S. office of education, with offices in Jacksonville and Tallahassee. He has made his home in Tallahassee ever since.

In this position he assisted county institutions, and particularly the state improvement commission in acquisition of war surplus, real and personal property, at a public benefit discount. During the past three years, the state had acquired through these chanels approximately $20,000,000 worth of property, most of which it obtained without cost to the state.

Among the beneficiaries of this service were: University of Florida; F.S.U.; Stetson; University of Miami; Florida Council for the Blind; Apalachee Correctional Institution; Thomas Edison College in Fort Myers; Palm Beach Junior College; Volusia and Hillsborough Vocational Schools, and county boards of education.

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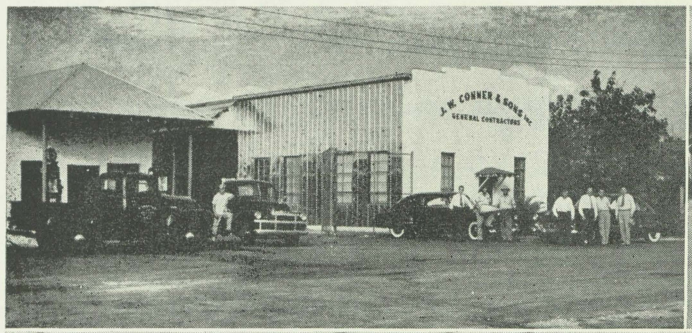

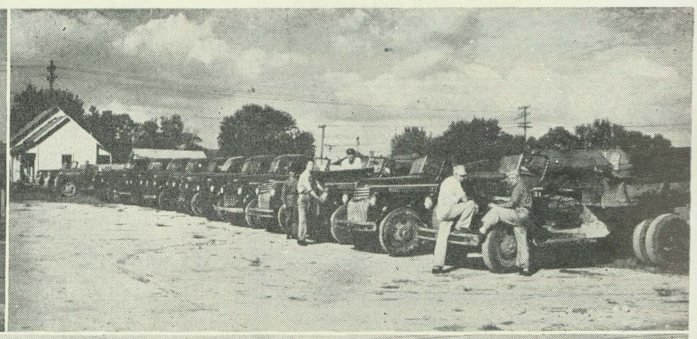

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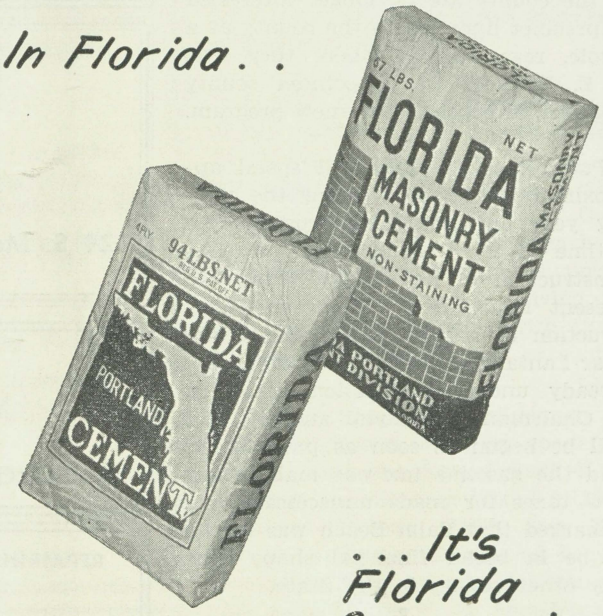


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# COUNTY ACTIVITIES and PERSONALITIES

*Sarasota* County Commissioners have created a county road department under the supervision of a county engineer. The centralization plan provides for county-wide use of equipment, use of the county barn as a central storage building, maintenance of an emergency labor crew and the hiring of a skilled mechanic. Previously, each commissioner had supervised the road work with his district and equipment had been rotated. According to Chairman W. S. Harris, the members of the Commission have discussed the efficiency of a central planning program for several years, and such a program should be a success since the people of the county are no longer interested in precinct lines but in the county as a whole, regardless of where they live. J. E. Edwards was appointed county engineer to supervise the new program.

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*Palm Beach* County will spend approximately $4,500,000 during the coming year on county construction. An outline of the work proposed includes construction of new roads, repairs to present roads, new bridges and construction of a tuberculosis sanatorium near Lantana. Some of the projects are already under construction according to Chairman Lake Lytal and the rest will be begun as soon as possible. He said the gasoline tax was making any new taxes for roads unnecessary and remarked that Palm Beach was known to be in better financial shape than any other county in the State.

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*St. Lucie County*. M. A. Patrick, Okeechobee Road, Ft. Pierce, is the new county commissioner from District 3. He was appointed by Governor Warren to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of the veteran commissioner, J. R. Merritt. Patrick is St. Lucie County groves manager for a large fruit company and has lived in the county for fifteen years.

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*Pinellas* County Commissioners have awarded contracts toatling $687,970 for the building and equipping of a new jail. Of the total amount, $525,000 represents the contract awarded the Paul Smith Construction Company of Tampa for the building; the balance, $162,970, is the amount of the contract with the Stewart Iron Works of Cincinnati, Ohio, for jail equipment.

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*Duval* Board of County Commissioners has renamed the Old Armory Building which is being remodeled into a


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*Escambia* County Commisisoner Clint Reilly from District 3, who recently had his leg amputated at the Foundation Hospital in New Orleans, is now back home and up and around serving the taxpayers in his district.

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*Volusia* County Commissioners recently approved the purchase of an apparatus, commonly termed "the drunkometer," which will be available to law enforcement officers. County Prosecutor Charles Booth spearheaded a campaign for the machine, pointing out that many drunken driving cases have been tried in court with the defendant free through lack of evidence.

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*Pinellas* County Commissioner John Chestnut turned the first spadeful of dirt to mark the formal start of construction on the long-talked $1,250,000 causeway linking West Bay Drive, Largo, to Belleair Beach, at a recent ceremony. The contract for construction went to the W. H. Armston Company of Dunedin. The project is referred to as a milestone in progress of the county and the beginning of greater development of the Gulf Beaches.

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*Dade* County Commissioners have turned thumbs down on a request for location of a nudist colony south of Florida City. The proposal to build such a camp had been the subject of much controversy since the application of a couple who operate a similar camp in Penn. Commissioner Bird in whose district the proposed camp would be built had been lambasted with resolutions, petitions and letters, some for and some

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against building the camp. The recommendation to refuse approval of the camp was made by Bird who moved "that the appeal for establishment of the only nudist camp in Florida be denied."

## 1949 HIGHWAY CONFERENCE

The Third Annual Florida Highway Conference will be held in Gainesville on May 9, 10 and 11, 1949, under the sponsorship of the Civil Engineering Section of the Engineering and Industrial Experiment Station at the University of Florida. The continuing objective of this series of annual meetings is to promote cooperation among all groups concerned with highway and street problems in Florida. Among the organized groups participating in the Conference are the Public Roads Administration, State Road Department of Florida, Florida Engineering Society, Florida Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Florida Road Builders' Association, and the Associated Equipment Dealers of Florida, as well as representatives of county and municipal governments.


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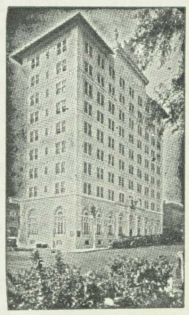

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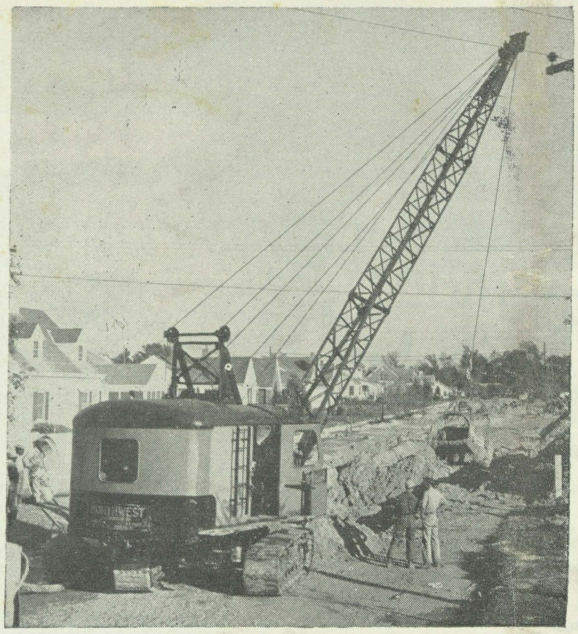

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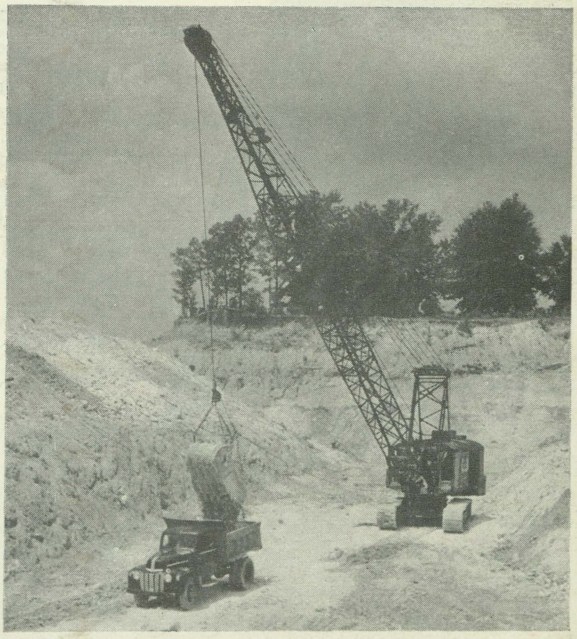

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